

Housing and Land Use Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-10-23 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 10-23-24 09:00

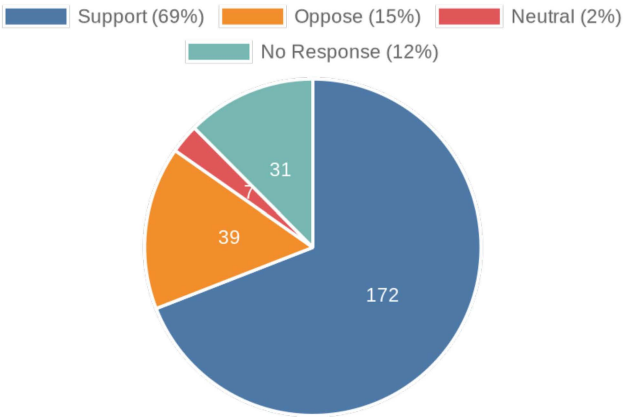
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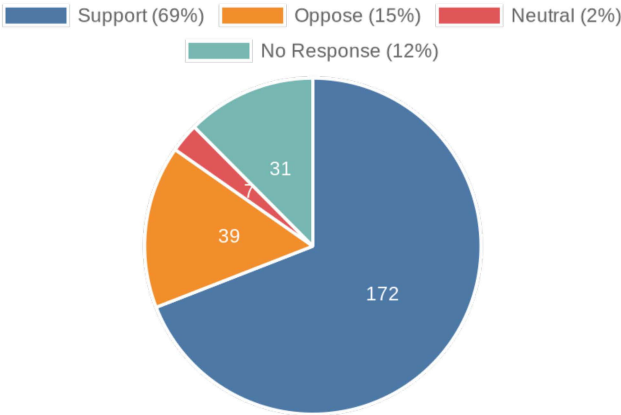
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10-23-24 09:00

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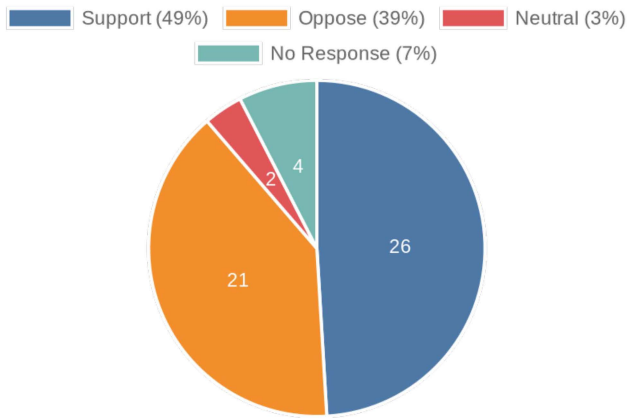
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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HLU Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 3:43pm 10-23-24

Testimonies received from HLU Committee

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:29pm 10-23-24

We are owners at Kamaole Sands. We are OPPOSING the Amendment put forth by Councilmember Paltin to HLU Bill 105.

We agree with HLU Bill 105 which was designed to help areas like Lahaina recover from disasters, allowing non-conforming uses to be rebuilt after a disaster if they've been destroyed by more than 50%. This is essential for the recovery of properties and businesses affected by events like the August 8th 2023 wildfires.

However, we oppose Councilmember Paltin's amendment which would make an exception for STRs, preventing them from resuming STR operations after rebuilding. Councilmember Paltin's amendment raises concerns about the unintended consequences for property owners and local families and workers who rely on STRs for income and economic stability.

We need the ability to be able to continue to use our condo as we wish for STRs otherwise we cannot afford all the expenses to keep the condo. We bought the condo knowing we were protected under the Minatoya List. It is EXTREMELY unfair that it is now being challenged mid-stream and there is consideration to take away our protection. With this current political unrest our condos are worthless. No buyers are interested in purchasing and very few tourists are coming to Maui. Unfortunately, Maui now has a bad name and tourists are taking their money to the outer islands. We believe that if these new Bills go into effect and things continue in the same direction as they currently are that the entire island of Maui will suffer the consequences.

We are truly sorry that this disaster happened on August 8 and are saddened by the whole situation. Our hearts go out to those who lost loved ones and property. However, we are not at fault and should not be penalized because of it.

Mahalo,
Alyson Delbrook & Ronald Chen
Kamaole Sands 6-402

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 10-23-24

Looking at the long range of the effects of this bill will only be a disaster to Maui. Tourism is what keeps Maui alive and functioning. With STR stopped, tourism will stop. It is total suicide for Maui to go on with this agenda. The workers that support the STR will all loose their jobs, again I say this is a TOTAL DISASTER!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:21am 10-23-24

Aloha.

As I testified orally, I am Donald Cameron. Our family owns a condo that has been operating as a short term vacation rental since the building was built in 1973 (Hoyochi Nikko in Mahinahina). It is on the Minatoya List.

We're all for rebuilding Lahaina and support the Bill in general, but oppose Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment.

I echo the objection of the AirBnB and MVRA representatives to Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Maui County Code Section 19.500.110:

"Nonconforming transient vacation rental uses that were discontinued for any reason, including because they were within structures that were damaged or destroyed in a disaster, may not be continued."

This exception, that "Nonconforming transient vacation rental uses that were discontinued for any reason, ... may not be continued", is too broad, both in scope and geography, for the intended purpose of the Bill: to assist rebuilding Lahaina Town.

"Discontinued for any reason" would include those units who discontinued short term rentals to rent their units out to Lahaina survivors whose rents were funded by FEMA.

It may, but probably does not include, those short term rental units who stopped renting when the Governor and the Mayor asked tourists not to come to Maui during the rest of August and September, 2023. They didn't stop their use as rental units; guests just cancelled.

In addition, the Bill does not appear to be limited to Lahaina, so it would relate to all short-term rental units in Maui.

This general prohibition of short term rental units would be done prior to the County receiving the economic impact study that it ordered prior to making a final decision whether to ban short term rentals across Maui, including those on the Minatoya list.

It is too broad and premature. Please reject the amendment.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06am 10-23-24

I support the Bill HLU 105, and oppose Paltin's amendment to this bill. I have lived in Lahaina for over 35 years, and both of my children were born here. I am a small business owner and my income is based on Short Term Vacation Rentals. Changing the way my livelihood has been built after all of these years is not right. My unit as Aina Nalu was completely burned down and a fire should not give any council member the right to change the

laws. The local business people have suffered enough with the negative social medial and politics that have gone on after the fires. We have seen a drastic decrease in the number of visitors which has already affected our income and the hours our employees work. We should have the right to rebuild our property the way it was prior to the fires and recover financially from what has already been a nightmare for those of us who live here in Lahaina.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:56am 10-23-24

Here are some data points to consider:

1. Maui County has not actually issued that many STRH permits, certainly not enough to materially affect - even should all of the permitted properties enter the long-term rental pool - the current housing shortage on Maui.
2. Very few, if any, of the properties that have obtained STRH permits are likely to become part of the long-term rental housing pool. Surveys of their owners has shown this. They will either sit empty when they are not being used by their owners, or they will be sold to people who can afford to leave them sit empty when they are not using them. Again, they will not enter the long-term rental housing pool.
3. STRH-permitted properties have generated significant tax revenue for the county. This revenue will be lost should the bill be passed as amended.
4. STRH-permitted properties employ a significant number of people on Maui. These jobs will be lost should the bill be passed as amended.

Basically, HLU Bill 105 as amended will benefit no one and will obviously and demonstrably hurt the very people it proposes to help. A responsible reading of the situation should lead council members to strike the amendment from this otherwise helpful bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 10-23-24

I believe there is insufficient evidence that short term rentals negatively impact the housing market. STRs provide an income stream to local residents as well as increasing tax revenues for the county.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21am 10-23-24

I manage 2 vacation rental units one of which is on the minatoya list. To think that studios, small one and two bdrm units would be a big help to "Families" is totally absurd. If the County wants to assist families is acquiring a home, they should look at what THEY allowed in the B & B houses. All those homes in family neighborhoods should not have been allowed, period. Those are better suited to house families. All of the condos on that list have been vacation rentals for years and services not only the tourist but local families that come to Maui to visit. And not to make mentioned all of the jobs lost in the cleaning field, maintenance field etc. The council people that are trying to push this bill really dont have to worry, they get paid no matter what.....Well, as all the taxes are depleted, maybe not. I for one do not want to see taxes increase on us local people just to keep up with their salaries because they make uninformed, prejudicial decisions due to a small group push on affordable rents, which will never be affordable with the increased cost of ownership. THINK HARD before making this decision. This will ruin Maui's economy. Actually it has already started.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:02am 10-23-24

I oppose Councilmember Paltin's amendment while expressing support for Bill 105. An economic impact study on STRs should be completed prior to making any decisions to further restrict STRs. A data-driven approach is essential to ensure the best outcome for our community. Local families and businesses affected by the wildfires

rely on income from STRs and services related to STRs and could prevent them from rebuilding or resuming their livelihoods and cause additional harm.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my testimony.

Kevin L. Ross

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54am 10-23-24

I have been a condo owner (Minatoya List) in Kihei since 2006. I oppose the ban for numerous reasons, primarily the direct unconstitutional impact on our property rights, which will be met with costly legal challenges.

Undoubtedly, a ban of this nature will have a negative impact on tourism and the significant workforce associated with STR's.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46am 10-23-24

I think this proposal is government over reach, one person should not be able to decide another person's fate with their property rights. while I believe its in the best interest of the community to rebuild, and quickly, I don't think property rights should be taken away from anyone. Everyone should be able to use their property for the reason it was purchased. Single Family, apartment building, STR building etc. There are already enough issues within Maui County permitting, and with the SMA permitting, flood zones etc.. for people and here we go adding another layer? NO, that's not right

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32am 10-23-24

I believe there is insufficient evidence that short term rentals negatively impact the housing market. STRs provide an income stream to local residents as well as increasing tax revenues for the county.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:16am 10-23-24

Aloha

We have been an LTR property owner in South Kihei for almost 9 years. We have seen the ups and downs of the economy with Covid, etc. during that time. I can tell you firsthand as many of you know that when LTR's suffer, Maui suffers. Our business models bring so much Money to Maui and provide so many jobs on Maui. Non-conforming construction in reaction to the fire is a good idea but rezoning areas that have obviously been built to accommodate vacation goers and not fulltime residents is something that must be preserved. I believe that the very vast majority of existing STR's will become static, vacant assets to the wealthy. Owners would rarely come. Also many current owners will certainly continue to rent their units under the table to avoid repercussions. This would remove a huge amount of tax dollars from Maui's economy. Call it an STR uprising. How can authorities possibly enforce these guidelines? Are they going to knock on the doors of every condo and check IDs? I visit often and as I walk down S. Kihei Rd. from my condo to rainbow mall I cannot think of one business along the way that would not be devastated by this change. All of the waiters and service people that I have come to know over the years will be unemployed. Please remove this amendment from the bill.

Jim Jewell

Haleakala Shores

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13am 10-23-24

I am opposed to the amendment which would not allow previous short term rentals in the Lahaina fire district to operate as legal businesses. Owners of these properties would certainly recognize how unfairly they were being treated. The financial impact of this amendment could mean even greater loss than what they have already suffered.

Please do not vote for the amendment.
Douglas Mitchell

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 5:53am 10-23-24

Oppose

BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING
NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34).

I am OPPOSED to Bill 105 (2024) amendment to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals.

I could go on and on about why I oppose but simply said when we bought the Maui dream with retirement money. We bought with a legal use of STR not to be just taken away because Maui neglected to provide housing over the years.

Mahalo,
Marcella Anderson

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 2:42am 10-23-24

This proposed legislation addressing the reconstruction of non-conforming structures in Maui, particularly following natural disasters, presents several significant risks and drawbacks that could negatively affect the community, the real estate market, and the availability of homes. In legal and policy terms, allowing non-conforming structures to be rebuilt without updating them to meet current zoning or building codes will have long-term repercussions that outweigh the immediate benefits of property owner relief.

Firstly, the preservation of non-conforming structures undermines Maui's efforts toward modernization and sustainable development. By permitting the reconstruction of buildings that do not comply with current standards, the legislation effectively prolongs the existence of outdated and potentially unsafe infrastructure. Non-conforming structures often fail to meet today's requirements for safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. In the broader context of responsible urban development, this legislation would hinder Maui's ability to transition to more modern, resilient, and sustainable communities. The long-term consequences of allowing outdated infrastructure to persist will affect the entire community, as essential upgrades will be deferred or obstructed, creating a barrier to progress.

Additionally, the presence of non-conforming structures could have a detrimental impact on property values in Maui. Non-conforming properties often introduce uncertainties regarding their future use, their rights for reconstruction, and their ability to comply with evolving regulatory frameworks. These uncertainties may cause potential buyers to hesitate, leading to reduced property values in areas where non-conforming properties are prevalent. Moreover, the value of conforming properties in these neighborhoods may also decline as buyers perceive the area to be less desirable, given the outdated and possibly deteriorating conditions of non-conforming structures nearby. The proposed legislation would therefore exacerbate the negative influence that non-conforming properties have on the overall real estate market in Maui, reducing home values and discouraging investment.

Furthermore, by permitting the rebuilding of non-conforming structures, the legislation would limit opportunities for much-needed housing development. Non-conforming buildings occupy land that could otherwise be redeveloped for higher-density, affordable housing—an essential component in alleviating Maui's housing crisis. Allowing these buildings to be restored in their non-conforming state restricts the potential for such development, prolonging the shortage of available homes and exacerbating the housing crisis. The failure to incentivize the redevelopment of non-conforming properties into conforming, modern housing solutions prevents Maui from addressing its urgent need for more affordable housing options for local residents.

The potential for exploitation of this legislation also raises concerns. By allowing property owners to rebuild non-conforming structures, the legislation may inadvertently create loopholes that could be exploited. Property owners may attempt to expand or intensify the non-conforming use of their properties under the guise of disaster recovery, potentially leading to increased commercialization in residential areas. Such intensified land use would disrupt community character, undermine zoning regulations, and burden local infrastructure. The possibility of legal loopholes further adds to the risks associated with this legislation, as it could incentivize speculative rebuilding and other undesirable practices.

Environmental and aesthetic concerns also emerge from the perpetuation of non-conforming structures. Many non-conforming properties are located in areas that are no longer considered appropriate for certain types of land use, such as flood-prone zones or locations with environmental sensitivity. By allowing these structures to be rebuilt in their non-conforming state, the legislation undermines long-term land-use planning efforts and poses potential environmental risks. In addition, non-conforming structures may not align with modern architectural or community standards, detracting from the aesthetic appeal of Maui's neighborhoods, particularly in areas that rely heavily on tourism. This could harm the broader image of Maui and potentially impact the local economy by making these areas less attractive to visitors.

Finally, non-conforming properties present significant legal and financial challenges for homeowners and prospective buyers. These properties often come with complications related to financing, insurance, and compliance with local regulations. The uncertainty surrounding their rebuilding rights and future use could deter investment, making them less attractive in the real estate market. Additionally, non-conforming properties that are rebuilt after disasters may face higher insurance premiums or difficulties in obtaining coverage, as insurers view them as higher risk due to their non-compliance with current building codes. This further complicates the financial landscape for property owners and buyers alike.

In conclusion, while the proposed legislation aims to provide relief for property owners affected by disasters, it risks perpetuating the existence of non-conforming structures, which will negatively impact Maui's real estate market, property values, and the availability of housing. The failure to modernize these structures will hinder Maui's ability to align with its long-term goals for sustainable growth, while also introducing legal and environmental risks. Therefore, it is crucial to reconsider the scope of this legislation to ensure that it supports Maui's broader objectives of community development, housing availability, and responsible land use.

Tryson Kaiama

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:55pm 10-22-24

Aloha, my name is Jackie Keefe and I am writing in support of Bill 105 with Councilmember Paltin's amendment. Our community has spoken up loud and clear that Lahaina needs to be for residents, and this amendment allows us to prioritize rebuilding for local families. Thank you for your consideration.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:53pm 10-22-24

I fully support the majority of this bill to rebuild non-conforming structures and believe this is a great need and a big step forward in healing for the community. However I specifically OPPOSE Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to Bill 105 (2024) that disallows nonconforming transient vacation rental uses from resuming if they were discontinued for any reason. This amendment is unnecessary as this issue is already being addressed by the mayor's proposed bill regarding transient vacation rentals. There is also lack of clarity in this amendment, for example, what if a TVR became a long term rental for a survivor? Would this amendment take away their ability to rent short term thus penalizing them for a good deed?

In summary, I only oppose Tamara Paltin's amendment to this bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:20pm 10-22-24

Dear Chair Kama:

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill 105, which is critical for the recovery and rebuilding of the Lahaina community after the devastating wildfire. As you may know, many properties in Lahaina had structures and uses that were considered non-conforming before the fire. This wasn't because property owners disregarded regulations—many of these structures and uses became non-conforming due to enactment of zoning laws, administrative rules and policies that went into effect after structures or uses were built. In other words, what was once compliant became non-conforming simply because the rules changed, not because of any action on the property owner's part.

Bill 105 is essential because it would allow property owners to rebuild what was lost, restoring the character and functionality of Lahaina town as it was before the disaster. Without this bill, we face the risk of losing Lahaina's unique identity, making it even harder to recover.

Additionally, the extended timeline is also critical to the rebuilding of Lahaina. Many properties will require a lengthy permitting process, including reviews for Environmental Assessments (HRS Chapter 343), Special Area Management Permits, and Historic District Approvals. If these processes are not expedited or given some flexibility, it could take years before any meaningful rebuilding can begin.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge your support for Bill 105 to help rebuild homes and businesses in Lahaina.

Sincerely,

Leilani Pulmano
Vice President
Pacific Rim Land, Inc.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 2:34pm 10-22-24

Aloha!

I support the initial proposals in Bill 105, in its effort to expedite the building process for so many who have lost their homes. However, I cannot support Council member Paltin's amendment to the bill that she has presented.

These amendments seem to be knee jerk reactions to a terrible situation, and require more studies to better understand what the consequences may be from such amendments.
Mahalo for your time.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 2:08pm 10-22-24

Dear Council Members,

While I fully support Bill 105, I strongly oppose Councilmember Paltin's amendment.

The devastating wildfire destroyed almost everything I have been working hard for since I was 18 years old. I am hoping Lahaina will come back soon.

I went through a long process to obtain the permit and have been renting my house as a short-term rental since 2015. Besides paying my taxes, I respected my neighbors and provided jobs for residents in Lahaina.

This wildfire already puts a lot of stress on me to rebuild my life and support my daughter. I am working on a plan to rebuild my house and hope I can keep my short-term rental permit.

I urge you to consider the significant negative impact this amendment would have on the rebuilding process.
Sincerely,

Ly Nguyen
1327 Keao St, Lahaina, HI 96761
Phone: 808-2831881

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 1:33pm 10-22-24

Aloha Chairman Kama and committee members,

My name is Tina Kuulei Berg and I am in support of Bill 105

My grandparents were Antonio Dias and Lucy Napela Furtado. Grandma Lucy was born in Lahaina in 1881. My grandfather came to Maui from the Azores with his family when he was 3 years old. They married, worked hard, nurtured 6 children, and began our family's legacy on Front Street, Lahaina.

I spent most summer's in Lahaina with my parents, sister, and cousins. We swam at Black Rock before any hotels were built, ate at Morikawa's after going to church at Waiola with grandma, getting pickled mango at the stand on Front Street, and swimming at grandma's at 339 Front Street.

Front Street Lahaina is our family and Lahaina needs it back to help the community with jobs, business opportunities for those who want it, and get Lahaina back to what it was.

Mahalo ,

Tina K Berg

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:32pm 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama, Council Members, and Members of the Planning Department,

My name is Lori Fisher and I lived for many years on Front Street (recently relocated to Ka'anapali). Lahaina is important to me for so many reasons. I recently wrote a "Letter to Lahaina" that was published by Civil Beat – perhaps this explains best the importance and impact and emotional value that the TOWN of Lahaina brought to so many like myself who lived there:

Dear Lahaina,

Sometimes we don't appreciate things until they are gone, but I appreciated you every day we lived there. For over 30 years we knew what a special place Lahaina was - and still is in my heart. Stopping by the coffee shop after a walk, the cacophony of birds in the Banyan at dusk, hanging out with a favorite shopkeeper in the afternoons, the tinkle of metal on metal as the sailboats in the harbor rocked in the wind, the surf school paddling out each morning, the smell of sugar cone waffles from the corner store, music (and sometimes hula too) on the lawn each month, so many grindz to choose from for breakfast lunch pupus dinner, walking to the Post Office and to the bank and for groceries. Just walking the streets to see you, smell you, hear you...and bump into friends. And of course your glorious sunsets – from our lanai, from the breakwall, from Fleetwood's, from the yacht club, from anywhere and everywhere on your streets. I can close my eyes and see you still, smell you still, hear you still. For those of us who lived and loved Lahaina you will never be gone. We grieve, we ache, we still find ourselves in disbelief – yet we honor you in our stories and tall tales and photos and memories. And we await the next chapter, for which we will have to dig deep for patience. But you are worth it. We were grateful all along, and are still. Mahalo Lahaina for all you were - and will be.

To help all of these daily facets of Lahaina life, especially the small businesses of Lahaina Towne, return and survive, I strongly support the Maui Planning Commission's recommendation to extend the rebuilding time to five years, with the option for a two-year extension. This would give businesses a realistic timeframe to rebuild and restore Front Street in a way that maintains its integrity and history. We can honor both the cultural importance of Lahaina such as Moku'ula and the fire memorial, as well as the economic vitality of the commercial and retail businesses that employ so many residents and brought joy to so many of us, every single day. We need both in our future. Please help the business district come back.

Mahalo for your consideration and for supporting our community in this time of need.

Respectfully, Lori Fisher

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:24pm 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Kelly Kulia Furtado. I am the great granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

I am writing today in support of Bill 105. Thank you to the administration and planning department for introducing an essential bill and to Chair Kama for hearing it.

Our family has so many cherished memories of Lahaina, and we treasure these properties. They not only provide

critical financial income for our kupuna, but they have kept our ohana close as we have worked together over the years to maintain them. As a Kanaka Maoli family, we understand the history of this community and deeply respect the land and sea. We strongly believe we can rebuild in a way that honors our culture while being economically responsible. This bill allows us to rebuild Front Street with sensitivity to the cultural and historical significance of the area. It provides the opportunity to restore the character of Lahaina in a way that respects its heritage while also supporting economic growth. This balance is key to a sustainable future for our community. We are simply trying to rebuild what we lost in the devastating Lahaina fires. Bill 105 would be a huge help in doing this. My ohana strongly supports Bill 105 and we hope that you will too.

Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kulia Furtado

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:12pm 10-22-24

Dear Chair and Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Councilmember Paltin's amendment to Bill 105. While I fully support the overall intent of Bill 105, this amendment poses a significant threat to the livelihoods of many Maui residents, including myself.

On August 8, 2023, the devastating wildfire destroyed our family business on Front Street and our home. We have been relying on our savings and have applied for an SBA loan to rebuild our house. The short-term rental permit we obtained five years ago is crucial to our ability to rebuild our family's future.

As a Maui resident for over two decades, I have always respected my neighbors and strived to be a responsible member of the community. Our short-term rental has provided jobs for my neighbors in areas such as cleaning, gardening, handyman services, and AC maintenance.

The passage of Councilmember Paltin's amendment would be a devastating blow to our family and many others who are still recovering from the wildfires. It would essentially double the challenges we face in rebuilding our lives and livelihoods.

I urge you to consider the significant negative impact this amendment would have on Maui residents. Please allow us to rebuild our homes and resume our short-term rental permits so that we can contribute to the recovery of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Hue Ha

Owner of 211 Panaewa Place, Lahaina, HI 96761

Email: hahuemaui@gmail.com

Phone: 808-4198443

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:10pm 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and Council Members,

While I fully support Bill 105, I strongly oppose Councilmember Paltin's amendment.

On August 8, 2023, the devastating wildfire destroyed my retail business on Front Street, my primary house, and my rental house. I had planned to retire by the end of the year, but now my entire life has been devastated.

I have been renting my house as a short-term rental since obtaining a permit in 2016. I have always paid my taxes, respected my neighbors, and provided jobs for residents in Lahaina.

The passage of Councilmember Paltin's amendment would be a devastating blow to me as a Maui resident of over two decades. It would essentially double the challenges I face in rebuilding my life.

I urge you to consider the significant negative impact this amendment would have on my family and Maui residents.

Sincerely,

Van Doan

330 Front St, Lahaina, HI 96761

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Phone: 808-3593225

Jay Miyaki

Location:

Submitted At: 12:33pm 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and Council Members,

I am a descendent of the Miyaki and Kondo families on Front Street. Our family has owned 764 Front Street for over 70 years. I grew up on Front street while my Grandmother Kikuno Miyaki ran Miyaki Store.

We support Bill 105...we want to restore what we lost in the tragic fire.

Maui No Kai Oi!

Jay Miyaki

764 Front Street

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama, and Council Members,

My name is Tambara Garrick, and I am a resident of Maui concerned about the future of Front Street, a place that has played a pivotal role in contributing to not just our economy on Maui but throughout the entire state. I want to commend the administration and the planning department for introducing Bill 105, and I also thank Councilmember Kama for scheduling this bill for review. Your efforts are crucial for our community's recovery.

Front Street has long been a heartbeat of Lahaina—a place where history, culture, and commerce come together. It's a place where families, visitors, and local businesses thrive together. I worked on Front Street for the past 12 years. After the devastating events, it's imperative that we rebuild, not just to restore the businesses, but to restore our sense of community. UHERO just published a study that shows 30% of fire-impacted households have incomes below the poverty line. With numerous businesses lost in the fire, so were the jobs and income of hundreds of our friends and community members. I support bill 105 because this allows our community to move forward and towards a better future.

Thank you for listening to the needs of your community and for working toward a solution that will benefit us all.

Sincerely,

Tambara Garrick

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:11am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee, My name is Kent Untermann and we lost our building at 736 Front Street, Tabora Gallery, CocoNene and Lahaina Loft and we are in support of bill 105. This is reaching crisis status for the West Maui Jobs outlook.

As quick background my wife Lori and I were one of three original 2019 SBA Hall of Fame inductees for "surviving" 38 years of small business in Hawaii. We lost a \$10m building at 736 Front Street and three businesses that paid local employees \$110,000 per month in salaries on two islands. Two stores in our one building provided over \$60,000 of monthly wages for Maui employees and over \$50,000 per month in income to

local artists.

While this has been devastating and like the previous 38 years we will survive. Our concern is for the less experienced business owners and small land owners who are not able to survive if this lasts longer than a couple of years. We urgently need to support our local small business community members.

From my long experience Front Street singularly represents more economic vitality to the “small guy” than any other mile or less of property anywhere in Hawaii. There are so few small landowners and small business people able to make the kind of money that Front Street generated and how much of that economic vitality stayed in our islands.

Please don't confuse Front Street with the other “over tourism” areas that did not generate so much “economic vitality into the fabric of West Maui”.

The art gallery businesses alone generated over \$50M of sales all going mostly to local artists, gallery owners and sales people. With 80% of Maui GDP being tourism and Front Street singularly driving more “dollar for dollar good” for local people.

Yes, Front Street was a tourist Mecca and it did so much good for the people living in Lahaina economically. There was no single tenant or landowner like the large hotels and shopping centers, prevalent everywhere else.

>>> Do it for the little guy and please support bill 105.

Thank you to the administration and planning department for introducing an essential bill and to Chair Kama for hearing it. Now please act on it and make it happen.

Thanks,

Lori and Kent Untermann

CocoNene, Tabora Gallery, Pictures Plus and the Kishi Building

Kent Untermann

Art Source Inc.

808-368-6186

Kent@Picturesplus.co

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Donna Gedge, I am the granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

I am writing today in support of Bill 105. Thank you to the administration and planning department for introducing an essential bill and to Chair Kama for hearing it.

Our family has so many cherished memories of Lahaina, and we treasure these properties. They not only provide critical financial income for our kupuna, but they have kept our ohana close as we have worked together over the years to maintain them. We strongly believe we can rebuild in a way that honors our culture while being economically responsible. This bill allows us to rebuild Front Street with sensitivity to the cultural and historical significance of the area. It provides the opportunity to restore the character of Lahaina in a way that respects its heritage while also supporting economic growth. This balance is key to a sustainable future for our community. We are simply trying to rebuild what we lost in the devastating Lahaina fires. Bill 105 would be a huge help in doing this.

Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Gedge

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,
Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Maile Williams, I am the granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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Sincerely,

Maile Williams

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,
Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Alika Williams, I am a great grandchild of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alika Williams

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,
Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Mahealani Riley, I am the granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and

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Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mahealani Riley

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Kaione Crabb, I am the great granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kaione Crabb

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Zachary Payne, I am a fourth Lahaina generation. My great grandparents are Antonio Dias Furtado (from Azores, Portugal) and Lucy Napela Kaukau (from Lahaina).

Lahaina is where I have a strong bond to where my grandmother (Gertrude Furtado Berger) was born and where I grew up to visit and learn about the historic community of Lahaina. Therefore, I am in support of bill 105!

Our Front Street property (aka Goo Lip property) is very important to me and our family as it provided many of jobs for the community and allowed for small businesses to flourish. Front Street has long been the heartbeat of Lahaina's economy, and without it, the financial health of our community continues to deteriorate.

This bill moves us closer to reopening our businesses, restoring the tourist economy, and getting Lahaina back on its feet. It also allows us to rebuild Front Street with sensitivity to the cultural and historical significance of the area. It provides the opportunity to restore the character of Lahaina in a way that respects its heritage while also supporting economic growth. This balance is key to a sustainable future for our community.

Mahalo for your time and hearing my testimony. I strongly support bill 105 and encourage all of you to consider supporting as well.

Zachary Payne

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Kammy Furtado, I am the great granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kammy Furtado

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:42am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Lindsey Berg am a fourth Lahaina generation. My great grandparents are Antonio Dias Furtado (from Azores, Portugal) and Lucy Napela Kaukau (from Lahaina).

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Mahalo for your time and hearing my testimony. I strongly support bill 105 and encourage all of you to consider supporting as well.

Lindsey Berg

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Stephanie Marrack, I am the granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Marrack

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:43am 10-22-24

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Kekoa Beaupre am a fourth Lahaina generation. My great grandparents are Antonio Dias Furtado (from Azores, Portugal) and Lucy Napela Kaukau (from Lahaina). Lahaina is where I have a strong bond to where my grandmother (Phoebe Furtado Gedge) was born and where I grew up to visit and learn about the historic community of Lahaina. Therefore, I am in support of bill 105!

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Also, to minimize the financial impact of the County losing real property taxes and the State losing General Excise Tax the longer we prolong rebuilding, it is important we keep moving forward and restore the homes and businesses to stimulate the Lahaina economy again!

Mahalo for your time and hearing my testimony. I strongly support bill 105 and encourage all of you to consider supporting as well.

Kekoa Beaupre

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20am 10-22-24

I oppose Councilmember Paltin's amendment but support Bill 105. The bill aims to expedite the rebuilding process for many families and this should be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. I lost everything in the fire ... my home, its contents, and my vacation rental business, which was established in 2013. We were the third family to receive a permit in Lahaina, were professionally managed and never once received a complaint. The economic impact study on STRs should be completed before making any decisions to further restrict STR operations. Families and businesses already affected by the wildfires rely on income from STRs. Preventing them from rebuilding or resuming their livelihoods will cause additional hardship. Lahaina is in terrible shape. People are leaving because they have no work and no homes. Also, as everyone knows, permitted STRs will bring much needed money to our state and county. Shutting down legal, permitted STRs is certainly not a solution to resolve this problem. Sincerely, Carol Carolan

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54am 10-22-24

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105, which would exclude Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in areas affected by disaster.

In the aftermath of the Lahaina fires, our community has made it clear that we do not want TVRs in our neighborhoods. This message has been consistent throughout our recovery, and it's crucial that the County listens. In the LTRP feedback presentation, eliminating short-term vacation rentals in neighborhoods was one of the top five concerns raised by residents. 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.

Rebuilding TVRs would not only divert critical resources but also directly compete with the rebuilding of long-term housing. Workers like contractors and electricians are already in short supply, and restoring short-term rental properties will further delay the construction of affordable homes. Additionally, water allocations are already strained, and prioritizing TVRs would make it harder to meet the needs of local families.

TVRs have contributed to the displacement of local families and the rising unaffordability of housing in West Maui. By excluding them from nonconforming use, we can prioritize long-term housing and the recovery of our community. This amendment reflects the needs of the families who have lost everything.

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

Mahalo

Eleonore Koury

eleonore@fastmail.com

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Makawao, Hawaii 96768

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

My name is Denver Coon, and I represent Trilogy Excursions, a family-run business that has served Lahaina for over 50 years. We strongly support Bill No. 105 (2024), which amends Section 19.500.110 to address nonconforming structures and uses affected by disasters. This ordinance is essential for rebuilding Lahaina, both for the community and the economic vitality it brings.

Thirty-two of our employees lost their homes in the recent disaster, and many are eager to return and rebuild their lives in Lahaina. By allowing nonconforming structures to be restored, this bill offers a pathway for these families and businesses to recover without the burden of overly restrictive regulations.

Getting businesses like ours up and running again is crucial for the entire recovery process. Tourism is the lifeblood of Lahaina, and our operations bring much-needed jobs and economic activity to the area. Rebuilding homes goes hand-in-hand with restoring businesses, creating a cycle of support that helps the entire community recover faster. This bill enables us to contribute fully to that process by ensuring that we can continue to serve both locals and visitors.

The flexibility in the bill—such as reasonable timelines and the ability to restore historic structures—helps preserve Lahaina's unique character while enabling a faster recovery. It allows us to maintain the cultural heart of our town, which is critical for our community's spirit and the local economy.

Lahaina has always been more than just a place; it is a community that we are proud to be a part of, and we want to see it thrive once again. By supporting this bill, you are not only helping families like those of our 32 displaced employees find their way back home, but you are also fostering a sense of hope and resilience in Lahaina's recovery process.

Mahalo for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Denver S. Coon

Trilogy Excursions

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Heather Napela Williams. I am the great granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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We are simply trying to rebuild what we lost in the devastating Lahaina fires. Bill 105 would be a huge help in doing this. My ohana strongly supports Bill 105 and we hope that you will too.

Mahalo nunui for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Heather Napela Williams along with my ohana:

Maile and Owen Williams

Nathan Punahele William Smith

Elijah Kaliko Carter Smith

Napela1@yahoo.com

Karen Comcowich

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 10-22-24

I support Council Member Paltin's amendment to bill 105.

During community engagement Lahaina and West Maui Community members shared the vision that Lahaina should first feel like home for residents, and second welcome visitors.

In the last 20 years as platforms like Airbnb and VRBO made it easier to run a vacation rental from a distance, owners of homes and apartments in the historic district exploited loop holes and transitioned long term housing to short term rentals. I watched friends lose housing in Lahaina as owners realized how easy and profitable vacation rentals were. This was changing the character of Lahaina, making visitors, rather than residents, the priority.

Please support Member Paltin's amendment to help Lahaina rebuild as a home for locals (which will in turn be a more unique experience for visitors).

Mahalo for your time,

Karen Comcowich

Lahaina, HI

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:45am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee, mahalo/thank you for hearing my testimony.

My name is Susan Kean and my family owns a few buildings across from the Banyan tree. I am writing in strong support of Bill 105. Thank you to the administration and planning department for introducing this essential bill and to Chair Kama for hearing it.

Since the horrific fires last year we have been paying the mortgages on these very expensive properties. Our hearts were broken for all the families who lost their loved ones and their homes and their livelihoods. We truly lost the heart of Maui. Our tenants are asking when can we rebuild and get back to our jobs? We lost Paia Fish Market which was a gathering place beloved by the locals and guests and we would often enjoy listening to the conversations amongst them sharing the joys and love for Lahaina.. I do not know how long our families can continue to pay these high mortgages with no plan for the future. The lots are cleared and ready to build. My husband passed away soon after the fires and the financial and emotional burden of financially carrying these properties while we wait for some plan and permission to rebuild is taking a serious toll on our children's families. My husband's dream was to be the first to rebuild on Front Street to become a beacon of hope for the recovery of the town, alongside the banyan tree. I live on the west side and it is easy to feel the desperation of the community here. People are waiting, many are leaving, due to inactivity. They want to be proactive and move forward and everyone feels frustrated by the lack of movement. I believe this bill will help the owners to get to rebuilding, the business proprietors can begin to make plans and the community can get back their town and their self respect by providing for their families, and taking part in recovering a healthy, financially stable community once again. I am positive that our town can rebuild in a way that honors the culture and historical significance and the wonderful CHARACTER of Lahaina and also build in a more resilient manner. The balance is so important to the economic recovery for Lahaina and for Maui. This bill will do a lot to move us forward.

Mahalo for your time and hearing my testimony.

I strongly support bill 105 and encourage all of you to consider supporting as well.

IMUA!

Susan Kean

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:57pm 10-21-24

Aloha and Mahalo for taking the time to hear from our community.

I am in support of this bill because it will get us one step closer to rebuilding lahaina and Front Street in particular. The character and charm of our little town on the west side can be brought back to life. The historic character of the buildings can be rebuilt. Modern Engineering and Architectual design can deliver amazing structures. Structures that will be safer, more resilient to mother nature, and still individual in character.

Lahaina must be allowed to be rebuilt as close to "the way it was" as possible. ANY legal steps that can allow our community members to rebuild what we had... is a welcome step forward. Do not let the negativity destroy our potential. We can rebuild Lahaina in a way that not only honors our past, respects our heritage, allows for the economic and tax generating power house to return, and maintains the unique character and charm.

Please SUPPORT BILL 105 and Please EXTEND THE REBUILDING Period as long as possible. Give our property owners the time and flexibility to rebuild Lahaina.... just like she was.... Only Better.

mahalo

M. Godt

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:51pm 10-21-24

We support Council Member Paltin's attempt to bring some order to the out of control TVR situation. We do not understand why it is better to "Share the aloha spirit" with visitors while resident housing options continue to shrink. One suggestion we would like to propose is to consider increasing the number of legal vacation rental

licenses as we eliminate the unregulated and out-of-control TVR's. We understand the need for competition to hotels, however the way we have had our neighborhoods ruined by the constant flow of "Vacationers" has only improved the bank accounts of the 94% of foreign investors that own the TVR's. Perhaps an additional exception for actual Maui residents could be considered. We do know the Maui Vacation Rental Association is very worried. And that in itself gives us hope for change. Restore neighborhoods and increase long term rentals, or even return to residential ownership. No matter how small the number, any increase is better than seeing more and more TVR's pop up and force out residents.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:56pm 10-21-24

Support Bill 105

I am an owner at 161 Lahainaluna Rd. I am writing in support of Bill 105.

Mahalo to the administration and planning department for introducing the bill and to Chair Kama for thoughtfully listening to the community.

I was born and raised on Maui. I chose to raise my children here for memories like I have from growing up: walking Front Street, Laperts ice cream in hand.

The devastation from the Lahaina fire has impacted my physical and emotional health with the addition of anxiety and stress. I am frustrated that no plan has been made to rebuild Front Street. Over a year since the fires we are distraught by the financial burden and lack of income from our property. The financial impact of not having our parking lot to rent out has caused significant financial stress for my family.

We are a small kama'aina family run business who want to keep this property and see the town thrive again. We do not want to sell, especially to off island buyers. However, without action to rebuild the town how it was, we won't be able to keep it. I strongly support this bill as one step toward rebuilding the town. This would help my family, the Front Street businesses, create many jobs, and support the economy for the county of Maui and the State of Hawaii.

This bill is crucial to helping us move forward as a business and as a community. Thank you for reading and your careful consideration.

Alison Pearce

Location:

Submitted At: 3:31pm 10-21-24

Support Bill 105

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:36pm 10-21-24

Oppose

BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34).

I am OPPOSED to Bill 105 (2024) amendment to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals.

Mahalo,
Michelle Micucci
michelle.micucci@yahoo.com

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 10-21-24

**BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING
NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34).**

I am opposed to Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals from the list of uses that are allowed to continue to operate as nonconforming uses after being discontinued.

Mahalo,
Terri Abay-Abay
terriabay1@gmail.com

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 3:01am 10-21-24

Aloha! Please accept this as my testimony in opposition of Bill 105. Mahalo.

Kelli Lundgren

Location:
Submitted At: 2:46pm 10-17-24

Dear Maui County Council,

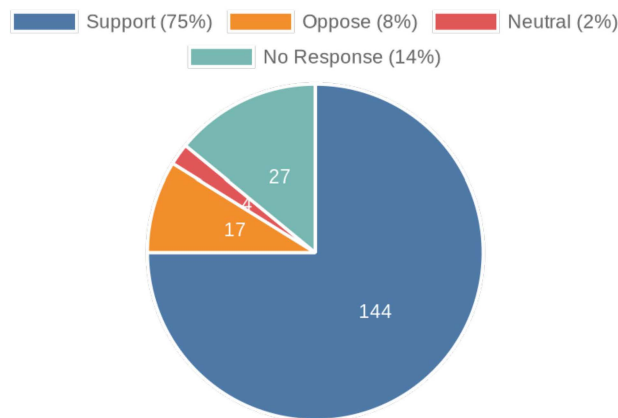
I support this Bill to allow home or property owners the ability to rebuild their nonconforming structures that had burned in the fires. One suggestion however: because the nonconforming structures create a higher density of buildings (dwellings), of ohana living close together, please consider asking that these structures be built with fire-resistant materials; metal roofs, fire-resistant stucco, fire-resistant siding. If the added cost is a financial burden to the families and businesses, perhaps have a source that can provide these materials nonprofit. In addition to the several faults that caused the Lahaina and Kula fires, one was high density of flammable structures. To rebuild with better fire-resistant materials would better protect families and individuals living in higher density structures.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Kelli Lundgren
Lahaina

Agenda Item: eComments for HLU-34 BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34)

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:36pm 10-23-24

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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.

Mahalo

Dale Chappell

Maui resident 41 yrs

Dale Ann Chappell

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1225 kokomo rd

Haiku, Hawaii 96708

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:35pm 10-23-24

Housing Land Use Committee,

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October 23, 2024

Councilmember Tasha Kama

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Re: Councilmember Paltin's Amendment to Bill 105

Dear Chair Tasha Kama, Vice Chair Tom Cook, and members of the Housing and Land Use Committee,

On behalf of Expedia Group, a family of brands that includes Expedia.com, Hotels.com, and short-term rental leader Vrbo, I am writing to share comments on Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105.

Councilmember Paltin's amendment would make significant, consequential changes and warrants a separate, independent deliberation.

Councilmember Paltin's amendment would disallow nonconforming transient vacation rental uses, including those in apartment zones—like the properties on the Minatoya List—from resuming the use if it was discontinued for any reason.

This amendment could have negative, unintended consequences. For example, this amendment could penalize transient vacation rental owners who volunteered to participate in housing relief programs for displaced Maui fire survivors.

Finally, this amendment could slow important legislation drafted to help Lahaina to rebuild after last year's devastating wildfires. We urge you to reject Councilmember Paltin's amendment.

Mahalo,

Mackenzie Chase

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FIRST - I have not had an opportunity in writing or otherwise to share my most critical piece of feedback - there needs to be green space along the shoreline. Commercial building should be restricted and permitted only away from green spaces. There should be restrictions on residential building to prevent overdevelopment - such as height restrictions and oversized homes.

SECOND - I've offered to apply my background in project management, indigenous land use and post-disaster environmental conservation to the rebuilding effort but the mayor's office has not responded. It's important to be inclusive of invested community members who have the necessary skills, expertise and qualifications to plan and execute the rebuilding program.

THIRD - there needs to be a clear statement on the status and plan for any infrastructure repairs (water, sewer, etc.) that impact the timing of the rebuild for us property owners.

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Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 10-23-24

Testimony of Robin S. Knox

RE: Bill 105 (2024)

I am in support of this bill as amended by Member Paltin's proposal. While the need for recovering quickly from the fires justifies allowing preexisting non-conforming conditions in rebuilding, there is no need to continue non-conforming short term or transient vacation rentals.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 10-23-24

I oppose the amendment of Bill 105. I have been a resident of Lahaina for 35 years and both of my children were born and raised here. I am a small business owner who has built my livelihood around the #1 industry in Hawaii, tourism. My livelihood as well as my employees rely on tourism. The negative social media and politics has already negatively impacted the number of tourists visiting the island as well as nightly rates and value of our properties. The financial and emotional toll it has already placed on our lives has permanently affect us. The least the council can do is let us rebuild our properties the way they were prior to the fires. Taking the STR's away, will only add insult to injury. Do not amend this bill. Do not take away the right of the local people to recover their livelihoods!

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Here are some data points to consider:

1. Maui County has not actually issued that many STRH permits, certainly not enough to materially affect - even should all of the permitted properties enter the long-term rental pool - the current housing shortage on Maui.

2. Very few, if any, of the properties that have obtained STRH permits are likely to become part of the long-term rental housing pool. Surveys of their owners has shown this. They will either sit empty when they are not being used by their owners, or they will be sold to people who can afford to leave them sit empty when they are not using them. Again, they will not enter the long-term rental housing pool.

3. STRH-permitted properties have generated significant tax revenue for the county. This revenue will be lost should the bill be passed as amended.

4. STRH-permitted properties employ a significant number of people on Maui. These jobs will be lost should the bill be passed as amended.

Basically, HLU Bill 105 as amended will benefit no one and will obviously and demonstrably hurt the very people it proposes to help. A responsible reading of the situation should lead council members to strike the amendment from this otherwise helpful bill.

Craig Gay
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We own one property for short term rentals. Please protect this property. a suggestion would be to limit the short term rentals to one or two. This would bring in the tourists to West Maui and help the property owners who own just one condo and support tourism.

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End environmental racism by not treating k_naka like subhumans, like slaves to the American tourist industry.

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mainland owners who don't even live here and sending that big money they are making off island so you can relocate possibly or become homeless

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I myself am at the point of realizing I will probably not be able to stay on Maui any longer due to the lack of rentals that I can afford or be approved for my partner and myself to live in. It makes me sad to see how Maui has been sold out to so many greedy and selfish people that don't live here. Why are families having to live in their cars or in crowded homes with other family members while off island people own and fun short term rentals? It is so sad. TVRs have contributed to the displacement of local families and the rising unaffordability of housing in West Maui. By excluding them from nonconforming use, we can prioritize long-term housing and the recovery of our community. This amendment reflects the needs of the families who have lost everything.

I urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of our neighborhoods and ensure our recovery prioritizes local residents. And stop allowing the available rentals to be so unaffordable. We do not all make \$150,000 a year.

Mahalo

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Hopefully this apply to where I live also at Opukea where illegal tvr are taking place

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Mahalo Jessica Main-Villines

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

I strongly support Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105. We have gone away too long, allowing transient vacation rentals take over the island, decreasing our local rental supply to such a state, that locals are forced to

move away or become homeless on our streets. This was exacerbated to an extreme state by the devastating fires in Lahaina. This is a bold move that will be met with opposition, but we got here from taking no action prior and it's going to take big decisions and hard decisions to turn things around. We should urgently prioritize the long-term locals as we try to rebuild from the fires and address the housing shortage.

Mahalo e aloha pono,

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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. As a mental health professional, I have seen the emotional impact on families who are unable to find secure housing post fires. Please create a Lahaina with more homes for our residents.

Mahalo

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I am writing to express my strong opposition for Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105, which would exclude Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in areas affected by disaster.

In the aftermath of the Lahaina fires, we need TVRs in our neighborhoods in order for these homes not to go into foreclosure!!!. This message needs to be heard throughout our recovery, and it's crucial that the County listens. In the LTRP feedback presentation, eliminating short-term vacation rentals in neighborhoods was one of the top five concerns raised by residents. Housing needs, limiting oversized homes, and removing TVRs is not progressive. We encourage you to listen to our community needs and how it'll not go back 20 years to make affordable local housing.

Rebuilding TVRs will give jobs to the service industry. Rebuild tiny homes to get long term housing is more practical. Workers like contractors and electricians are needing the work. Additionally, water allocations have always been a concern Tvrs are not impacting it .

I urge you NOT to pass this amendment !

Mahalo

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Mahalo

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We won't go back.

Mahalo

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Mahalo nui,

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 105, amending Section 19.500.110, Maui County Code, regarding nonconformities.

We support the intent of Bill 105 to facilitate the rebuilding of structures impacted by the wildfires, allowing families and businesses to recover quickly and efficiently. However, we have significant concerns about Councilmember Paltin's amendment, which introduces unnecessary complexity and could detract from the bill's original purpose.

The amendment does not clearly specify which properties or individuals would be affected, nor how it would be enforced. This lack of clarity introduces confusion and could lead to unintended consequences. Such ambiguities risk distracting from the bill's original intent of aiding in Maui's recovery and slowing down the rebuilding process at a time when speed is critical.

Short-term rentals have provided vital support to local families, businesses, and Maui's economy. The Council has already commissioned an economic impact study to examine the effects of bills like this one. Just as in other cases, we should await the findings of that study before moving forward with legislation that could have wide-reaching consequences for our community. Moving too quickly without clear data risks hurting families who are already struggling to recover.

In closing, we urge the Council to strike Councilmember Paltin's amendment and focus on passing Bill 105, which will support the rebuilding of Lahaina and ensure that local families and businesses can recover as swiftly as possible.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Caitlin Miller

Maui Vacation Rental Association (MVRA)

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Location:

Submitted At: 7:37am 10-23-24

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I am writing to express my strong support for Council-member Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105, which would exclude Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in areas affected by disaster. This is not what the community wants. Why build or rebuild places (TVR's) when local residents' homes are so badly needed. They are 1/2 empty hotels all along the west side in the Kaanapali area. Let the tourist stay in them... why build anything for tourist to rent? The locals need to be 1st!!! They need homes here on the west side. It's hard enough to find employees for the jobs that need help because so many local people (families) that have been displaced or have moved.

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Mahalo

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Submitted At: 7:35am 10-23-24

Housing Land Use Committee,

I am writing to support Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105. Please exclude TVRs from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions particularly in Lahaina. I was born and raised in Lahaina and lost my family home in the Lahaina fire. It is a struggle to rebuild and retain our community members when housing is so limited. By excluding the TVRs you can help support the rebuilding of the Lahaina Community. Housing is a basic human need and we need to ensure there is enough housing for Lahaina residents. This will in turn support enrollment in schools and ensure that there are enough students for school sports teams. It will help retain a strong workforce for all jobs including essential services as well as the tourism industry. We are in a unique situation with the fire and the tourism industry and we need a unique solution. Everyone wants a piece of Lahaina. Please make the decision to support our community over profit and ensure a better long term recovery outcome for Lahaina by investing in our community.

Mahalo,

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Submitted At: 7:34am 10-23-24

Housing Land Use Committee,
Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,
I absolutely support this bill. I work as a barber and I hear so much about people wanting more support for locals from transplants, settlers, owners and part timers.
When you have a struggling community, you have a an unhappy community and that is not productive for anyone. Locals need this for the betterment of their lives and future.
Mahalo for your time!
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Location:
Submitted At: 6:38am 10-23-24

Chair Kama and members of the HLU Committee,

While I am in complete support of Bill 105, I write in strong opposition to Council Member Paltin's Amendment to Bill 105. Government should do everything in its power to ensure the rebuild of Lahaina happens as quickly and efficiently as possible and to allow all property owners in the Fire Zone to use their property in the same manner as they did pre-fire, including as STRs. To not allow this would cause additional hardship to those who have lost so much already. Those whose properties were destroyed or in any way affected by the wildfire have suffered enough and do not deserve to be further punished in this way. The issue of STRs warrants much more in-depth research and discussion of its ramifications to people's livelihoods and the economy in general and should not be addressed in this manner.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 6:00am 10-23-24

We oppose legislation that takes away property rights, particularly vested property rights when pushed by the big Hotel/Motel Hospitality industry trying to take advantage of a tragedy to eliminate any competition offering choices for visitors contributing to our tourism market and lobbying politicians to support their cause of greed with their possible quid pro quo deals.

This is the same maneuver used to eliminate STR's in South and West Maui which propose to take away vested property rights taking away a legal and zoning approved right that existed when they purchased their properties which in many cases were only possible by counting on STR income as part of their feasibility in their acquisition intention to hold until they retire and then utilize themselves. Their plans are proposed to be destroyed and taken away from the very entity that permitted such use at the time of acquisition and to which the buyer depended on which is why vesting laws were put in place.

This solution is no solution at all and does not pass the smell test.

This "solution" uses the tragedy of the Lahaina fire which impacted many families and instead of helping the displaced families, by eliminating STR's, they are ruining even more lives of those owning STR's taking away their

income and in some cases will cause foreclosures due to the owners inability to make payments on their loans due to loss of income. Income they depend on for their livelihood. The ripple effect causing loss of income for all the employed workers on Maui supporting the associated infrastructure such as those workers providing house cleaning, maintenance and remodeling along with necessary materials to maintain a STR. This action will also cause a large tax loss to State and County budgets resulting in the need to tax the voters of Maui to make up for the tax loss. This new tax increase is not proposed, but we all know it is inevitable.

We strongly oppose all legislation that retroactively takes away the permitted uses that were legal at the time of their purchase ignoring permitted vested uses upon which they relied, placing their real estate investment at peril.

If this is the desire of the people, then initiate the zoning now making buyers aware of the allowed uses and restrictions, but do not create a retroactive law that needlessly takes away people's rights they had when they purchased their property and destroy even more lives. Treat others as you wish to be treated.

Saddened dissapointed Owner.....

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59am 10-23-24

I am in support of this bill but I am opposed to Tamara Paltins amendment to this bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:33am 10-23-24

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I also, would like to add housing is getting ridiculous on pricing. How do you expect us to afford these pricing?

Honestly I think we should get a lower rate on rental payments, and have only the people who come here pay the higher price, or even higher. Why do we have to suffer to live in our home?

If the tourist that come here already spend thousands of dollars on gizmos and trinkets. Then what would make a difference of having them pay more?

How do you expect us to survive and take care of our family ? I'm a family of 6 and I'm looking at almost \$10,000 a month, or more for rent. That's not even considering my own bills that I have to pay.

WHERE IS THE ALOHA!!!!

Mahalo

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Rebuilding housing for local families and full-time residents should be the number one priority for Maui County.

We already have more than enough existing transient vacation units to accommodate 55,000 tourists per day, which is the maximum number of visitors we should have on island according to the Maui County Island/General Plan (2012) that established the 3 to 1, resident to visitor ratio.

I'm a full-time elementary teacher in Lahaina and I've been commuting to work from Haiku, Paia, Kula, and Wailuku since losing my long-term rental in the August 2023 fire. Families, students, and school staff continue to make long commutes to Lahaina for work and school because we lost our homes and rentals and the limited housing inventory in West Maui is primarily used for transient accommodation.

I urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of Lahaina and our neighborhoods. Recovery policies should prioritize local families and full-time residents.

Mahalo,

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I am in strong support of the amendment to Bill 105, which would exclude Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in areas affected by disaster. The rationale is very simple: Maui was facing a housing crisis prior to August 2023 and the fires simply amplified the problem. TVRs represent the very worst of extraction from our islands, giving back very little to the communities they are profiting so much from. Maui must prioritize long-term housing for residents. Besides absorbing what could be long-term housing, rebuilding TVRs would further take resources that should be used to help the families of Maui recover. I urge you to pass this amendment.

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Housing Land Use Committee,

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Our home was in the SharkPit neighborhood in Lahaina. Before the fire we had too many TVRs in our small neighborhood. These visitors change the dynamic of our neighborhood, and not in a good way, by making the roads less safe for kids as tourists drive too fast looking for where they're staying. They never seem to drive as if their own kids live there.

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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.

Mahalo

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We cannot let "rich" people take advantage of the fire and keep buying land and places for short term rentals. I have friends that lost everything in the fire. Their home was in the family for 5 generations. Other friends affected can't find a place to rent. Too many vacation rentals. I also lost a friend that made it to the harbor but got out of the water to help others. Found him against the harbor wall. So many heroes that day, then we let the vultures in to take advantage.

Then there is Launiupoko who has several owners doing short term rentals. There is no water for them, yet they let them build there. And what water they receive should be going to Lahaina. I heard some rich woman from California asking if they knew anyone to rent their ohana in Launiupoko. And they themselves are not permanent residents.

Maui families should be first. TVRs drive up the cost. We need to get back to a balance like it used to be.

Farming/ranching and a side of tourism. We need to build for locals and that includes in Hawaiian Homesteads. Some are getting left behind because contractors are busy with TVRs. I live out in Huelo. Some of my ancestors are from here. Suddenly we're getting tourists. On our back dirt access road, come to find out a couple from Seattle bought a small farm on a few acres, and on the cliff. They were doing an illegal bed and breakfast. This is what you will get everywhere if you allow TVRs. Money isn't everything. Our Ohana is, and our Ohana is all of Maui. We need to take care of the Aina. My grandmother Nani used to say "it is all about the land. If you take care of the land, it will take care of you!" Stop giving it away to people who could care less about Maui or the land, they just care about money.

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I am a disabled veteran so I will not be able to attend. I urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of our neighborhoods, our Aina, our ohana, and ensure our recovery prioritizes local residents.

Mahalo for your Kokua! DEBI IRBY and ohana.

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I am writing because I strongly support Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105, which would exclude Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in areas affected by disaster. This is absolutely necessary! I lived directly on Lahainaluna Road and saw the non conforming uses with short term vacation rentals taking place in my residential neighborhood. These homes that were housing short term vacationers cannot be permitted to continue this non conforming use. In the aftermath of the Lahaina fires, our community has made it clear that we do not want TVRs in our neighborhoods. This message has been consistent throughout our recovery, and it's crucial that the County listens. In the LTRP feedback presentation, eliminating short-term vacation rentals in neighborhoods was one of the top five concerns raised by residents. Housing needs, limiting oversized homes, and removing TVRs. We encourage you to listen to our community and act on these concerns. We need to focus on West Maui's housing shortage for the residents please.

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Additionally, the safety of these vacationers is a concern. To allow people to vacation and rent short term in these neighborhoods is not in the best interest of the vacationers or the residents who live in these in neighborhoods. I urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of our neighborhoods and ensure our recovery prioritizes local residents.

Mahalo,

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Mahalo

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We must prioritize Maui residents. For years we have been short teachers, nurses, police, doctors, and many others due to lack of housing. It is imperative that residents' needs are prioritized for a successful community.

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

Mahalo,
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Mahalo

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Housing Land Use Committee,

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Neighborhoods are for families and workers. We love our tourists, but they don't belong in our neighborhoods.

Mahalo

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Mahalo Pahnelopie McKenzie

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I am a Wailuku resident. My dad was born in Olowalu, just minutes from the devastated L_hain_. Although my family moved off island, I hope that you take steps so that other do not have to do so. Prioritize kama__ina so that we can live in our homeland.

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I am writing to express my unwavering support for Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105, which seeks to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in areas affected by disaster.

In the aftermath of the Lahaina fires, our community has made it abundantly clear: we do not want TVRs in our neighborhoods. This sentiment has echoed throughout our recovery efforts, and it is crucial that the County listens. In the LTRP feedback presentation, eliminating short-term vacation rentals in neighborhoods emerged as one of the top five concerns raised by residents. We urgently need to address housing needs, limit oversized homes, and remove TVRs to confront West Maui's growing housing crisis.

Before my home and neighborhood were tragically consumed by the flames on August 8th, I witnessed our once-vibrant community begin to slowly erode as vacation rentals proliferated. One deeply distressing experience occurred on April 1, 2023. While I was at the Sheraton Maui helping my niece prepare for her Lahainaluna High School senior prom, I received a call from a neighbor that would change everything. A drunk driver, staying at an Airbnb just down the road, crashed into my parked car, totaling it in front of my home. My neighbors bravely intervened, blocking the driver from fleeing and calling the police. I arrived just in time to witness the chaos and heartbreak, devastated to miss such a significant milestone in my niece's life due to a senseless act fueled by irresponsible tourism.

The presence of vacation rentals has transformed our neighborhoods into areas of chaos rather than community. I have seen tourists dangerously speeding through our streets, nearly running into children walking home from the bus stop. One night, I was forced to confront partygoers at an Airbnb just four houses down from mine. They trespassed into my driveway, lowered my truck bed, and started drinking on my vehicle at 2 AM, leaving behind needles before we could finally chase them off. These visitors showed no accountability or respect for our homes or our families.

There was an incident when tourists called the police on my young sons and I for playing basketball on the street

in front of our home, stating it wasn't a playground and they didn't pay to fly to Maui and deal with locals on the streets. While it is true that it isn't a designated playground, we played there safely and respectfully, adhering to traffic and playing together until the streetlights came on. Now, those moments are bittersweet memories that remind me of what we've lost.

Rebuilding TVRs would not only divert essential resources but would directly compete with our urgent need for long-term housing. Skilled workers like contractors and electricians are already in short supply; restoring short-term rental properties will only delay the construction of affordable homes for our community. Additionally, our water allocations are already strained; prioritizing TVRs would make it even more difficult to meet the needs of local families.

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I strongly urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of our neighborhoods and ensure our recovery prioritizes local residents over transient visitors. I long for the days when I can connect with my neighbors and support each other's families through life's seasons, rather than witnessing tourists infiltrate our homes and disrupt the fabric of our community.

Mahalo for considering the voices of the residents in your decision-making process.

-Courtney Lazo

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Cynthia Canham

Location:

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Aloha! My name is Cynthia "Cindy" Canham. I was an employee of Whaler's Locker 780 Front St and I was working the morning of Aug 8 leaving at noon. I am a member of the Lahaina Community having worked on Front St for over 40 years. I never really felt that working on Front St was so much a job as it was a lifestyle - sharing with the many visitors what it was that made Lahaina and Maui such a special place -not just historically but also culturally! It is so important that we strive to bring back the town to as close to what it was before the fire. I am in strong support of Bill 105. Please hear the pleas of the people of the community so that we can return to live, work and play in a town that is so loved.

Thank you!

Sincerely

Cynthia Canham

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Aloha

Please kokua Lahaina and it's decendents of the royal capital of the Hawaiian kingdom we are to treat them with utmost respect and prioritize housing for this surviving Hawaiian culture we see feel and desire it's aloha...we must respect our kaduna and their heritage in maimtaing lahaina rebuild and community in a way that defines them...without vacation rentals in their neighborhoods their sacred culture and way of life still exists and thrives when not infested with inestors...greed...tourism...overcapicatated highways...housing crisis...water allocations for tourism industry...skyrocketing rent prices...and genocide! Save Hawaiian let the rebuild begin without the greedy cockroaches.

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Local housing over profit

No housing no peace

Keep local families in their homes

Oh Mr greed you will keep what you sow

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My name is Mousa Hassan. I am the owner of Paradise Lahaina, properties and businesses located on Front Street. I am here today in support of Bill 105.

Thank you to the administration and planning department for introducing this essential bill and to Chair Kama for hearing it.

My business, Paradise Lahaina, employed over 50 people. This business is not just my livelihood; it represents my passion and commitment to our community. The people who worked for me relied on this job to support their families, and in this challenging environment, it allowed me to provide for my family, keep my kids in college, and pay my bills. Front Street has always been more than a business hub—it's been the heart of Lahaina.

The devastation from the wildfire has been not just physical, but emotional and financial. Bill 105 is crucial because it offers hope for all of us who lost so much. Passing this bill is a significant step toward rebuilding our properties to bring back the businesses, restoring jobs, and providing financial and emotional stability for our community. Without Front Street's contribution to Lahaina's economy, we are in serious trouble, and it's important to move quickly to restore the area.

We have the opportunity to rebuild Front Street in a way that honors our culture while ensuring economic responsibility. I strongly support Bill 105 and encourage all of you to do the same. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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As I see it, the passage of TVR amendment to Bill 105 is essential for the rebuilding of Lahaina for several reasons:

1. We desperately need to get a handle on these short term rentals that are driving up the prices of housing so that really most Maui folks who live and work on this island can't afford housing. This amendment should help accomplish this.
2. Secondly, this amendment will help facilitate the rebuilding of Lahaina. The sooner and better this rebuilding takes place, the better for the Maui and state economy. There is a point I would like to stress. Those in favor of short term rentals claim that we will loose millions of dollars in rental revenues. This is nonsense. We have enough vacancies in our existing hotels that can easily handle the short rental loss of rentals and income.
3. Lastly, our Westside community has made it abundantly clear that we want to either phase out shot term rentals or at least drastically cut down on their use.

I want to encourage you, our commission members to start listening to your own people.

We put you in office. Just like us, you live on this island and thus are us. It's time to stand on the side of your own people instead of the big money interest that are largely out of state.

Sincerely your, Richard A Hudson

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Location:

Submitted At: 2:10pm 10-22-24

Housing Land Use Committee,

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As someone who was born and raised in Lahaina, this topic is near and dear to my heart. My neighborhood was once full of hard working, local families. We had a sense of community. It was the small things like borrowing something from the pantry or sharing meals. This changed as mainlanders saw an opportunity to create a business, rather than a home driving up residential costs.

We need to keep residential neighborhoods, just that, residential.

Mahalo

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Submitted At: 1:35pm 10-22-24

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Dear Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

I've lived in West Maui for 21 years and fully support Tamara's amendment to Bill 105.

I am grateful for the intent of Bill 105 because I believe it will help in the rebuild of Lahaina. However, if passed without excluding short-term rental TVRs it will actually worsen the housing crisis that has already caused local families to leave Maui and drastically increased the cost of housing.

Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105 would stop nonconforming TVRs from being rebuilt in residential areas. This has been badly needed for some time as rent prices have escalated astronomically due to TVRs.

My friends and neighbors have made it resoundingly clear that we do not want TVRs.

Please represent our community and don't miss this opportunity to insure positive forward movement in the rebuild of Lahaina.

Mahalo for all your hard work!

Sincerely, Jacqueline Hudson

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Mahalo

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Location:

Submitted At: 11:49am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

My name is Dylan Kailiha'o Fern, I am the great grandson of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a local butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street that have been managed by our K_naka Maoli 'ohana for generations. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

I am writing today in support of Bill 105. Thank you to the administration and planning department for introducing an essential bill and to Chair Kama for hearing it.

This bill allows us to rebuild Front Street with sensitivity to the cultural and historical significance of the area. It provides the opportunity to restore the character of Lahaina in a way that respects its heritage while also supporting economic growth. This balance is key to a sustainable future for our community.

We are simply trying to rebuild what we lost in the devastating Lahaina fires. Bill 105 would be a huge help in doing this. We strongly support the Maui Planning Commission's recommendation to extend the rebuilding period; from 4 to 5 years with a 2 year extension. This longer timeline allows us to properly navigate the challenges of rebuilding while keeping in line with the historical foundation of Front Street.

Mahalo nui for your time and attention to this matter.

Dylan Kailiha'o Fern

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 10-22-24

Aloha ~

My name is Rosemary Kunewa Randazzo and I am Trustee for the Kunewa Irrevocable Family Trust. We own 780 Front Street and we are in full support of Bill 105.

I would first like to mahalo the administration and planning department for introducing an essential bill, and mahalo to Chair Kama for hearing it.

Finding the words to convey the affect that the devastating fires that burned Lahaina to ashes and traumatized a community is still difficult, but it is uplifting to see progress being made and the residents of Lahaina, especially those that have lived there for generations, rebuilding their homes and lives.

We, the Kunewa 'ohana, are Kanaka Maoli, a Hawaiian family, and we are 5 generations in Lahaina - on Front St. Our place was home to businesses that employed many of the residents of Lahaina over the decades.

We have roots on Maui. My father and his siblings were born and raised in Wailuku and went to Saint Anthony's School. Our family home is still in Wailuku, and we have family members that live in Waikapu and Makawao; but our business was in Lahaina. The fire of August 8, 2023 certainly affected us financially, but more so emotionally. 780 Front Street was legacy carried forward, if you will. Where just a couple of months before the fire, my son brought his three young children to learn about their great-great grandfather and what his work left for us... for them.

I'm very proud to tell you that my grandfather, Joseph Hewahewa Kunewa, made great contributions to Maui County. He was Maui Tax Assessor from 1908 thru 1935; this was during a time when Wailuku had been designated as the County seat for government (1905) and the era of growth for Maui was beginning. His name and accomplishments are found in "The Men of Hawaii" book from 1930 and "The Builders of Hawaii" book from 1925. Both books "feature men of note and substantial achievement, past and present, who have contributed to the progress of the Territory."

I mention these things because my grandfather was a true leader for the people. Though his name and accolades are in the history books, for us his greatest accomplishment was how he helped the people of Maui. He passed when I was just 4 years old. But, when my grandmother was still with us, people would visit and I would overhear them talk about my grandfather and how he helped their families; making sure they understood the need to pay taxes to keep their property. He would also help the local families who were delinquent in paying their taxes and about to lose their land.

It seems that we are at this kind of crossroads once again... where we need leaders that have heart and the interest of the local people – Kanaka Maoli and Kamaaina – first.

We, the Hawaiian and Kama'aina commercial landowners face uncertainty at this time; though the fires and destruction of Lahaina was not of our doing: Not one of our buildings started that fire. Over the decades we have stayed the course... starting when Lahaina was nothing more than horse stables and a small plantation town. My cousin told me about spending time in Lahaina when he was a kid digging in the dirt looking for horseshoes and bottles. I found it simply amazing that horseshoes and glass bottles were some of the things the archaeologists found on our property during the clean-up. We have withstood the tsunami of 1946, yearly hurricanes, droughts, economic downturns, and a pandemic to name a few things. But we always reopened. Not so much this time. The uncertainty comes with laws and setbacks that were put in place long after our buildings were standing.

As you know, Front Street would eventually become a world-renown retail corridor. By August 8th, 2023, it was a fully mature commercial mecca that catered to thousands of visitors and locals each year; as well as employed many residents from Lahaina. With local people being priced out of paradise each and every day, we know we are fortunate to be able to call 780 Front Street ours. We are grateful to our grandparents, and to our parents for this gift. It's part of our identity. It's part of my family's genealogy and heritage. As a wise Samoan man said at FestPac; "These things – our identity (Hawaiian) and the gift of our heritage, genealogy (and the right to our land) – is not negotiable."

We now need a leader that will mirror my grandfather's example – we need you to remove the uncertainty. We need you to do the right thing. We need you to take that mighty pen and make it easy for us to rebuild Front Street to what she was. After all we, too, have been here for generations and we should be afforded the same

considerations and dignity to rebuild with the residents of Lahaina...
and to reopen once again.

Aloha No~

Rosemary Randazzo

as Trustee for the Kunewa Irrevocable Family Trust

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Location:

Submitted At: 11:06am 10-22-24

Housing Land Use Committee,

I am writing this as a 35 year resident of West Maui. I have spent these years living in the areas between Honokowai and Napili. During the '80s, '90s, '00s, and the early '10s Lower Honoapiilani Rd. is where myself and friends lived. I'm speaking of all the condos starting at Papakea and stretching north to Napili. This is where we lived. Every single one of these condos that is zoned A1 or A2 was a majority of local people renting and owning. With the inception of Airbnb and VRBO since 2011 our neighborhoods have changed drastically and our housing supplies have diminished. I think that is the biggest thing people don't realize, that this is actually a new problem. This problem of STR's dominating these neighborhoods was very evident coming up into 2019 and then post Covid when we started experiencing extreme over tourism, things absolutely blew up and people really started to capitalize monetarily on the ability to do STR's in these neighborhoods. I am sure when the Minatoya list was created, what it has become was not the end result anyone saw coming or had in mind. I also feel that the profound number of STR's has absolutely caused our over tourism issue. Before the fire, this issue was starting to really deteriorate our quality of life, particularly on the small area that is West Maui. Post fire, it is time for a reboot.

This will without a doubt be painful for some. But the pain and suffering our community has faced because of the lack of housing and lack of our families ability to raise their children here, and continue to have generations here, comes with a much higher price. If you do not have teachers, policeman, medical professionals, County workers, people to work in the resorts and tourist industry than we have nothing. This is the direction we are going. We all witness it every day, people leave every day. I am fortunate to own a home in West Maui that is outside of the burn zone. Even still, we are still considering leaving Maui. Even though we have a home that is standing far from the burn zone along with steady jobs, we are considering leaving. We have children and their education and well-being is of the upmost importance to us. Right now we are waiting to see which school to enroll our children at for the new school year to see which school has the most teachers left. Can you even believe that is a concern? Well it is. A very, very real concern. We had teachers that had to leave throughout the year because of housing and more still now that the school year is over are still continuing to leave because of a lack of housing. Amazing people, amazing teachers, amazing community members. How will our children ever make a life here? Right now, I do not feel that that is possible. Because of these situations caused by STR's taking so much housing, we are still debating whether or not to make a move somewhere. A thought I never believed would ever come into my mind. Just think if the STR market had never gotten out of hand? Would we be in this situation? No.

In addressing all of the people that are against this. Their answer is to build more housing. Or, that it should already have been built, and it's not their fault that it isn't, so don't blame me. To those with that attitude, I say it is time for you to leave Maui, not us. We have seen recently that we do not have the resources, the time, the workers, you name it, to make new neighborhoods and housing happen overnight. We have to focus on rebuilding Lahaina and using the existing housing that we have available to us, which is vast.

You have to think about the future of Maui as a community, not a for profit enterprise controlled by people from the mainland and internationally. My fear is that there literally will be no one left here. No history, no connection to the community, no anything. We already feel an immense loss for the souls that we lost in the fire, the personal things, the places we lost. And now for those that have had to move to another part of the island or off island, that is a loss that really stings and will continue to sting. It is a sadness but also a rally cry that is with all of us on a daily basis. We have each other's backs, we support each other daily. We prop each other up. We need to bring our community back to the west side. And that right there is why we are, and why we will always be, Lahaina Strong. Imua Lahaina.

Mahalo, David Weeks

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Location:

Submitted At: 10:53am 10-22-24

Aloha Chair Kama and members of the committee,

Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

My name is Kaione Crabb, I am the great granddaughter of Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado and Antonio Dias Furtado. Grandma Lucy was a teacher for years at Kamehameha III Elementary. Vuvu (my great grandfather) was a butcher and then became the Lahaina Postmaster. Over 100 years ago, they bought buildings at 693-711 Front Street and 754 Front Street. These buildings were tragically destroyed in the Lahaina fires of August 2023.

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Our family has so many cherished memories of Lahaina, and we treasure these properties. They not only provide critical financial income for our kupuna, but they have kept our ohana close as we have worked together over the years to maintain them. As a Kanaka Maoli family, we understand the history of this community and deeply respect the land and sea. We strongly believe we can rebuild in a way that honors our culture while being economically responsible. This bill allows us to rebuild Front Street with sensitivity to the cultural and historical significance of the area. It provides the opportunity to restore the character of Lahaina in a way that respects its heritage while also supporting economic growth. This balance is key to a sustainable future for our community.

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Sincerely,

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Mahalo
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Location:
Submitted At: 10:27am 10-22-24

Housing Land Use Committee,
Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,
Let's let the STVR be located in resort areas already designated, not our neighborhoods.
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Mahalo
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Submitted At: 10:25am 10-22-24

My name is Kaleo Schneider I am one of the owners of A.D Furtado Properties Lahaina and Lucy Napela Furtado Properties on Front Street. I am writing in support of bill 105. I want to thank Council member Kama for prioritizing this bill as it is essential in helping us as landowners find a way forward after this horrific event. I also support the Maui Planning Commission's recommendation to extend the rebuilding period from four years to five years with a potential two year extension.
Our family has been on Front Street as a landowner for well over 100 years and we want to continue and to help rebuild the economy and charm that is Lahaina.
Mahalo for your support during this difficult time.

Aloha Kaleo Schneider
President A.D. Furtado properties Lahaina, LLC.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:00am 10-22-24

October 22, 2024

Maui County Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
Kalana Pakui Building
250 South High Street
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Re: BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING
NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34)

Aloha Councilmembers,

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on Bill 105, amending section 19.500.110, Maui County Code, regarding nonconformities.

Airbnb supports the original intention of this bill to create additional flexibility for rebuilding of structures impacted by the Maui wildfires. However, the bill has been amended to include a provision that would eliminate the use of these structures for short-term renting if they have not been utilized for more than twelve months.

As written, there is no clarity as to who this amendment specifically impacts, how it would be applied, or how the County intends to enforce it. This presents a huge potential for unintended consequences – even penalizing locals who have paused hosting short-term rentals for the past year in order to house displaced residents long term. For many, the supplemental income from hosting is more important now than ever.

Last year, Airbnb and Airbnb.org worked closely with the Governor's office and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to help provide temporary housing for displaced residents across Maui. In total, we connected over 2,200 displaced residents to free, temporary housing. Since then, we have continued to work with DHS to encourage hosts on Airbnb to offer their homes to displaced residents on a longer term basis. In partnership with DHS, Airbnb has helped house over 1,000 displaced residents for a total of over 110,000 nights through this program to date.

We urge you to strike the amendment related to short-term rentals, which only creates several layers of confusion and detracts from the important goal of the original bill.

Mahalo,

Alex Folsom
Senior Policy Manager

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Mahalo

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Mahalo

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Location:

Submitted At: 7:45am 10-22-24

I support the bill but not the amendment. Study this and go after the illegal STRs, not us hard-working, TAX PAYING owners of STRs!

Aloha,
Gail Nagasako
Owner permitted B & B

Jonathan Helton

Location:
Submitted At: 7:18am 10-22-24

Please see attached

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:49pm 10-21-24

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee,

Our family home burned to the ground. Our possessions are ashes. Our memories are tarnished. Our mental health is barely hanging on, and if this bill is passed, it threatens the one thing we have left: our HOPE. Bill 105 made sense for us before the new amendment to exclude TVRs.

My name is Kevin Williams and I used to live on Lahainaluna Rd. We are a family of six our lives were forever changed on August 8th, 2024. We lost our home, we lost our business (permitted STRH; we lived on property), and nearly our lives.

We have stayed in West Maui since the fire to support our community. Even though our lives were devastated, we still stand strong and are providing other victims and community members with support in any way possible (offering professional advice on insurance/FEMA/SBA for free to other victims, starting a mommy-and-me workout group at Napili Park, coaching keiki soccer weekly and tipping/buying local everywhere we can).

Passing Bill 105, as it stands now, puts our livelihood and that of many others at risk. It would devastate us even further. After establishing roots in west Maui now for over 14 years, we would no longer be able to live the life we have worked so hard to build. We also file 1099's for nearly a dozen West Maui residences and families who would also be negatively affected. This impact would trickle down to shops, restaurants, and businesses of all types. I'm not sure devastated is a strong enough word to describe what would happen to our Ohana if this bill passes. We have suffered enough.

Please create a path for us to continue to operate our TVR business legally. Here are some ideas that are a compromise of the opposing thoughts.

- 1) Replace all STRHs with Bed and Breakfast permits, requiring an on-island agent to be on the property for the rental. This will create work for a local and a home.
- 2) Require that if an STRH or B&B wishes to continue operating after rebuilding, it build an additional ADU on the property to add to the pool of homes for locals to live in. For example, before the fire, we had one home and one ADU in which we lived. We will rebuild and build one main home and now two ADUs.
- 3) Require that the operator of the permit live in Maui so we know the money is staying here and kuliahan remains Maui and its residences.

Any of these ideas would help support the goal of reducing housing shortages while also maintaining a way of life, a path, that a few of us have worked so hard to build for so many years.

I am writing in opposition to this bill because it will threaten my ability to make a living along with the other cleaners, electricians, maintenance workers, and small businesses like me, who live and work in my community.

I ask that you please do not move this bill forward.

Mahalo for your time and personal attention to this matter,
Williams Ohana
Kevin, Kelly, Sienna, Malia, Landon and Leilani

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17pm 10-21-24

Aloha Chair Kama and Council members,

My name is Mary Napela Crabb Fern. I am named after my Grandmother, Lucy Napela Kaukau Furtado, who was born and raised in Honokawai and Lahaina Maui. I am one of the family owners of the Furtado buildings and property; located at 693-711 Front Street, along with the buildings that stood at 754 Front Street. My Grandfather, Antonio Dias Furtado and my grandmother purchased this property in the early 1900s when it was originally a butcher shop. The butcher shop lead way to approximately 20 shops of varied nature; employing many members of the Lahaina community. We appreciate the workings of Bill 105, as it is essential that we need continuing assistance in finding a way forward after the catastrophic events that have devastated our livelihoods. Front Street has always been more than just a place of commerce. It's a historic and cultural place appealing to both Islanders and visitors. Rebuilding is about restoring our livelihoods; restoring a sense of community; and an very important to in regaining our Lahaina ohana legacy. We strongly support the Maui Planning Commission's recommendation to extend the rebuilding period; from 4 to 5 years with a 2 year extension. This longer timeline allows us to properly navigate the challenges of rebuilding while keeping in line with the historical foundation of Front Street. This bill moves us in a direction to start generating income; critical to the growth and recovery of our Maui community and economy. Mahalo for your assistance. Mary Napela Fern and ohana, Dennis Fern, Beau Dylan Fern, Napela Fern, Nahina Fern.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06pm 10-21-24

I am in opposition of Tamara Paltin's ammendment to Bill 105 which would take away the legal rights of those properties which operated as TVRs prior to the fire.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 10-21-24

Aloha and Mahalo

I am in support of this bill 105 because it will help to rebuild Front Street in particular. The character of Lahaina is shown through the unique building designs. The historic charm can be alive again.

Lahaina must be rebuilt the way it was.

As our elected leaders, I implore you to take the steps necessary to encourage property owners to rebuild what they had. The best way to honor our past, respect our culture, and foster economic growth is to bring back Front St. No one suggests building in places that did not have improvements. I simply want my town to be returned to its glory. New building safety of course, but dense buildings, on the waterfront, historic designs etc. We DO NOT WANT or need another Wailea or Beverly Hills or boring mainland suburbia.

We need to let property owners rebuild what they had.

Please SUPPORT BILL 105 and Please EXTEND THE REBUILDING time frame.

Support our private property owners and allow them a chance to deliver the improvements our ohana and community deserve. The baldwin house, the courthouse, the library and other historic structures can be the heart of our town.

mahalo

Michelle E. Godt

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 10-21-24

We support Council Member Paltin's attempt to bring some order to the out of control TVR situation. We do not understand why it is better to "Share the aloha spirit" with visitors while resident housing options continue to shrink. One suggestion we would like to propose is to consider increasing the number of legal vacation rental

licenses as we eliminate the unregulated and out-of-control TVR's. We understand the need for competition to hotels, however the way we have had our neighborhoods ruined by the constant flow of "Vacationers" has only improved the bank accounts of the 94% of foreign investors that own the TVR's. Perhaps an additional exception for actual Maui residents could be considered. We do know the Maui Vacation Rental Association is very worried. And that in itself gives us hope for change. Restore neighborhoods and increase long term rentals, or even return to residential ownership. No matter how small the number, any increase is better than seeing more and more TVR's pop up and force out residents.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 10-21-24

My name is David Smyth and I have been coming to Maui over 130 times since 1986. I purchased property at the Puamana in 2015. My property taxes are near 15,000 a year. I have brought in 10s of thousands of dollars in GET, TAT and MCTAT. I employ a Caretaker that makes about 60,000 per year and has three children. The cleaning company that works on my place made over 30,000 in the last year of operations. I invested several hundred thousand in renovations and employed all local contractors/suppliers. I am a medical doctor and I have helped numerous locals and visitors with injuries at no charge. If destroyed TVRs are not allowed to continue and they are not in the category of the approximately 7,000 that are on a list previously mentioned, we need to know that prior to voting for the 4 billion dollar settlement. Most of us will not vote for the settlement and I am told that approximately 85% to 90% need to approve the deal. This will mean that Maui Electric will certainly go bankrupt, the Land owners that are defendants may have to liquidate land, the County can't go bankrupt and will have to be bailed out by the state. The payments to locals will be delayed by years and more of them will leave. Not to mention the legal battles that the County will have by their "regulated taking" of the 7,000 STR units. It is ironic that the worry about a land grab was about non locals trying to buy land in Maui cheap. It is actually the other way around and the locals are trying to grab nonlocals land for cheap. Thank you

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 10-21-24

Aloha Chair and Members of the Housing and Land Use Council,

My name is Renee P Kaiama, a Maui born and raised resident and realtor with over 30 years of experience in real estate and mortgage financing. I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition to the proposed amendments to Section 19.500.110, which address nonconforming uses and structures, particularly those impacted by disaster proclamations.

One of the primary contributors to Maui's housing crisis is the widespread nonconforming use of residential homes for purposes like short-term vacation rentals (STVRs). This legislation, while seemingly geared toward disaster recovery, could inadvertently open the door for the legalization and continuation of nonconforming uses that have historically reduced the supply of long-term, affordable housing for residents. By allowing the repair or reconstruction of nonconforming structures without stricter

Nonconforming homes, originally intended as residential dwellings, are increasingly being used for commercial purposes, such as vacation rentals. These units are removed from the long-term rental market, further diminishing the availability of housing for local families. As the demand for vacation rentals grows, this shift not only reduces housing options but also drives up rental prices across Maui. This amendment would allow for the restoration of nonconforming structures to their previous uses, perpetuating the cycle of displacement and unaffordability.

The legal recognition and potential expansion of nonconforming uses, especially in areas affected by disasters, will drive up property values, making it even harder for local residents to afford homes. Investors looking to profit from short-term rentals are drawn to nonconforming properties, pricing out local families and gentrifying communities. This legislation does not adequately address these concerns and may, in fact, incentivize further speculative real estate investment that will worsen the affordability crisis.

Nonconforming structures, particularly those repurposed for commercial use, place an additional burden on our island's infrastructure. The strain on water, sewage, and roads is already palpable in many parts of Maui, and allowing nonconforming properties to be rebuilt without ensuring that they comply with modern zoning and environmental standards exacerbates this issue. This amendment does not do enough to address the long-term environmental and infrastructure impacts of these properties.

While the proposed changes include some review by county officials, they are insufficient to ensure compliance with the broader goals of affordable housing preservation and responsible land use. Nonconforming uses, by

definition, exist outside the intended zoning regulations, and continued permissiveness in this area weakens the county's ability to enforce critical housing and zoning laws. The amendments proposed in this bill could undermine efforts to ensure fair housing access for local residents, and I urge the Council to consider stronger measures to curb the misuse of nonconforming properties.

In conclusion, while I understand the need for flexibility in rebuilding after disasters, I strongly oppose this amendment as it stands. The perpetuation and expansion of nonconforming uses will only deepen Maui's housing crisis by encouraging further displacement, gentrification, and the reduction of housing stock available for local residents. We must prioritize housing for our community, not for profit-driven entities, and I urge you to reject this proposed legislation and instead focus on solutions that create long-term, sustainable housing for Maui's people.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Renee P Kaiama

Alison Pearce

Location:

Submitted At: 3:45pm 10-21-24

Property owner support for bill 105

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:02pm 10-21-24

Aloha,

BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34).

I am opposed to Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals from the list of uses that are allowed to continue to operate as nonconforming uses after being discontinued.

Mahalo,

Terri Abay-Abay

terriabay1@gmail.com

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:52am 10-21-24

Aloha, Chair and Committee Members, I am not against this bill, but I oppose Councilwoman's amendment, which would exclude west side STR's from the same benefits that would be given to all other property owners affected by the fire. It is unfair to treat property owners differently, and STR use is residential use, according to the State Supreme Court. The amendment is devious, in that it would deny property rights to a select group that Paltin personally opposes. I ask you to set aside the controversial issue of STRs and not allow it to cloud this very excellent bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59am 10-21-24

Aloha. Respectfully, I am requesting you oppose this motion. It is an overreach of government to use any natural or man-made event as the basis to disallow any particular use of a property. Secondly, if a property is damaged or destroyed and the owner wishes to rebuild, the insurance companies will not cover the rebuilding costs if the purpose the owner has insured the property cannot or will not be resumed. Therefore, with this proposal, the government is destroying all value and preventing reconstruction.

Brian Paris

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53pm 10-20-24

Mahalo for taking on this important amendment to BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI

COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34).

I am opposed to Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals from the uses that are allowed to continue to operate as a nonconforming use after being discontinued.

Mahalo,
Brian Paris
Lahaina Resident

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 10:17pm 10-20-24

Please do not vote for Tamar Paltin's proposed amendment to not allow Lahaina properties destroyed in the fire be used as short term rentals. I oppose Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to BILL 105 (2024) Amending section 19.500.110. Maui County Code, regarding Nonconformities (HLU-34)

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 10:17pm 10-20-24

Please do not vote for Tamar Paltin's proposed amendment to not allow Lahaina properties destroyed in the fire be used as short term rentals. I oppose Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to BILL 105 (2024) Amending section 19.500.110. Maui County Code, regarding Nonconformities (HLU-34)

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 1:42pm 10-20-24

Aloha. Respectfully, I am requesting you oppose this motion. First of all, it is an overreach of government to use any natural or man-made event as the basis to disallow any particular use of a property. Secondly, if a property is damaged or destroyed and the owner wishes to rebuild, the insurance companies will not cover the rebuilding costs if the purpose the owner has insured the property cannot or will not be resumed. Therefore, with this proposal, the government is destroying all value and preventing reconstruction.

Thank you for your consideration

Neal Halstead

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:58am 10-20-24

Aloha, o Derek ko'u inoa a e noho ana i Kahana me ko'u ohana. My grandparents and great grandparents were sakadas back then so we have lived in this mokupuni for generations. I am writing in full opposition to this amendment to revise legal STR status in the burned zone to discontinue. This is an absolute, horrid overreach. It's bad enough that people have lost their homes and livelihood, and this amendment is proposed to disallow what these units were intended to. He kuhi hewa kela paku'i a e kapae i na pono "sivila" o na po'e !! Mahalo piha.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:02am 10-20-24

Mahalo for taking on this important amendment to BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34).

I am opposed to Tamara Paltin's proposed amendment to exclude Transient Vacation Rentals from the uses that are allowed to continue to operate as a nonconforming use after being discontinued.

mahalo for the opportunity to testify

Cara Birkholz
Kihei resident

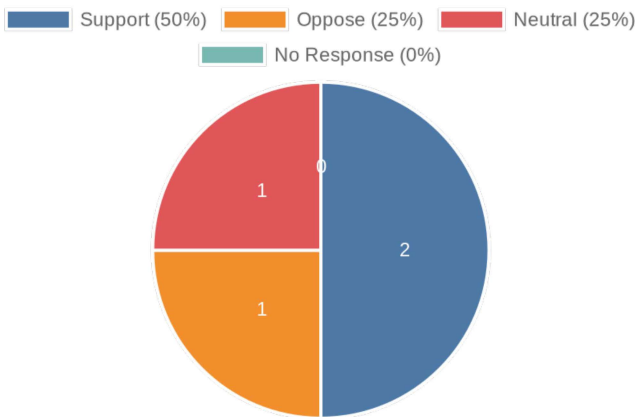
Edward Codelia

Location:
Submitted At: 8:52am 10-20-24

My name is Edward Codelia, and as a long-time resident and realtor on Maui, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges our community faces regarding housing and safety. I submit the attached file as written testimony in opposition of the proposed amendment regarding non conforming use along with potential changes that could be made to this legislation to protect the residents of this island when it comes to non-conforming housing.

Agenda Item: eComments for HLU-3(21) HOUSING SOLUTIONS (HLU-3(21))

Overall Sentiment



Desilee Santiago

Location:
Submitted At: 3:13pm 10-23-24

Please see attached testimony. Mahalo.

I would like to add that the Governor intends to end the Eviction Moratorium after the New Year, so that would mean that a lot more tenants will either have substantial rent increases and/or eviction. We need rent stabilization or something that will help us NOW! We cannot wait another day.

Pamela Tumpap

Location:
Submitted At: 5:34pm 10-22-24

Please see attached testimony.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 10-22-24

TO: Councilmember Tasha Kama
Chair, Housing and Land Use Committee

Councilmember Tom Cook
Vice-Chair, Housing and Land Use Committee

FROM: Mark Anthony Clemente
Government Relations
Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters

SUBJECT: Housing Solutions (HLU-3(21))

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters to state that we support initiatives that prioritize local jobs for local people, ensure living wages, and promote the use of skilled craftspeople in our communities.

Hawaii faces a significant challenge in housing availability and affordability, particularly on Maui, where many local residents are being forced to leave due to a severe housing shortage and the lack of sustainable job opportunities. This exodus not only threatens the fabric of our communities but also undermines the skilled workforce that is vital for building our future.

As we seek to address these pressing issues, it is essential that projects awarded to contractors not only contribute to our housing solutions but also pay living wages to the hardworking individuals who build our communities. When local contractors employ local skilled workers, we invest not only in our infrastructure but also in the economy and well-being of our residents.

Furthermore, we advocate for all projects on Maui County lands to be covered under HRS 104, which mandates prevailing wages. This ensures that our local craftspeople are compensated fairly for their skills and labor, helping to create a stable workforce that is committed to the success of each project. Prevailing wage laws are vital for maintaining high standards in construction and attracting skilled workers who take pride in their work.

By supporting local jobs and implementing living wage practices, we can cultivate a robust workforce that contributes to the long-term economic health of our islands. This approach not only uplifts families and communities but also enhances the quality of work on housing projects, ultimately benefiting all residents of Hawaii.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:18pm 10-20-24

Aloha, I wish to submit my opposition to this amendment regarding discontinuing STR status on legal units/dwellings that were burned in the fire. This is a very deceitful and malicious way of taking legal rights of those who were operating STRs legally. I support a moratorium in building more STRs but to pull the rug out of these people who already lost a lot is very spiteful and hostile.



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Testimony 10/21/23

Re: Bill 105 (2024) Amending section 19.500.110, Maui County Code, Regarding Nonconformities.

Good morning, Chairperson Tasha Kama and Members of the Housing and Land Use Committee. I am John Mark Mageo Government Affairs Manager, and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

ABC Stores is in **Support** of Bill 105 (2024).

We are writing to express our strong support for Bill 105(2024), which proposes amendments to Section 19.500.110 of the Maui County Code regarding nonconformities. This bill is crucial for our community, especially in the wake of the disasters that have significantly impacted our Maui County.

The proposed amendments will allow for the reconstruction of nonconforming structures that have been damaged or destroyed by the disasters, ensuring that these structures can be rebuilt in compliance with current building and safety codes. This is a vital step in helping our community recover more swiftly and effectively from such events.

By permitting the restoration of nonconforming structures and uses, this bill provides much-needed flexibility and support to property owners who have suffered losses. It acknowledges the unique challenges faced by our community and offers a practical solution that balances the need for safety with the realities of disaster recovery.

We urge the Council to pass Bill 105(2024) to support the resilience and recovery of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,
John Mark Mageo
ABC Stores
Employee Relations and Government Affairs Manager

The 2023 Wildfires highlighted the need for comprehensive planning that accounts for environmental risks, to ensure that our infrastructure keeps pace with growth and development. Now we're here playing catch up with no time left and a constantly changing economy.

I keep hearing about we need to build and create more housing. How do we do that with the current infrastructure that is lacking. We don't have enough water everywhere. Our upcountry community has been waiting decades. I have a co-worker that waited over 14 years for a subdivision approval. She's trying to prepare her land for her children and grandchildren, but the system and process prohibits this at every turn.

Who is the County of Maui? Is it the community or is it private developers and the rich? I can tell you that it is US, the families that have been here year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation, paying into our infrastructure. THAT is who the County of Maui is. There's a storm coming. We can all feel it. The civil unrest that is happening is terrifying.

Maui County Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan

This plan is impressive. I'm sure it took a lot to create and gather all of this information. But 2021 until now? The idea is great, but is the info outdated? Is this still achievable the way it is? Construction rates went from \$200 sq foot to \$600 sq foot in 2 years. In 2022, people could build 1000 sq foot home for \$200K, now that same home is \$600K. How are we to achieve this?

*June 2021 - 3 years and 4 months - still not implemented (shameful)

But ok, we're here now.

Goal 1 - Build 5K affordable homes - permits, labor/materials which gets shipped here (YB asking for 20% increase) How will the housing be affordable if the cost is so high to build?

Goal 2 - Provide sufficient funding to the affordable housing fund - ok

Are there Federal monies available to help with infrastructure?

Goal 3 - Req Developers to dedicate 20% of their land to AHD (what do they get in return?)

Goal 4 - Use county owned land to develop affordable housing - (I agree) A long over-due option, why have we not done this?

Goal 5 - Make Development process more accessible, predictable and timely (all development is site specific, so there are many variables and every development is different)

PP1- Update zoning code to lower housing costs and promote affordability by design.

PP2-Expand access and impact of AHF with revisions to Maui county code ch 3.35 that enables bond sales, etc (not familiar with investing and the bonding process, so no input on that)

PP3 - Streamline planning and permitting process - *Over worked, underpaid, under appreciated, micro managed employees. County DPS makes it hard and takes so much time to approve an application in order to get an interview the the department that they applied for.

Mapps went live 4/2022, still a lot of issues and it's still completely reliable on human data input and reporting. A lot more of admin/data entry, creates more work on extremely low paid employees that are already doing the job of 3 people. Public interface is not user friendly, especially for our elderly or those that are not tech savvy.

FTP Initial Review is 15 days, that's the only expedited process of permitting. If someone asks to "pre-review" a project, it's like doing all the work prior for free, and still having to do the add'l work when submitting for permits and plans, etc.

PP4 - Improve MCCC 2.96 to dedicate land to housing.

PP5- Amend RPT code to generate add'l revenue - how is this going to be done?

Exemptions being created for landlords who don't necessarily pass the savings on to the tenants. As of late, landlords are evicting tenants, taking the exemptions.

Exemptions end when the lease ends.

*LTR exemption is calendar year, Property taxes are fiscal year

PP6 - Establish local residency requirements for AH subsidies and strengthen the def of qualified resident. (Agree) Long over-due as well. It should be applied to purchasing and acquiring land/property also. Not just affordable housing.

PP7 - Enforce fair housing and fair lending laws. (Enforcement is lacking)

PP8 - update county's rent and sales price guidelines to promote equity and access to affordable mortgage financing for all its residents. (Hopefully this can be done)

PP9 - Ensure affordable homes supported w/ county funds are rented or bought by local households below 120AMI in a timely manner and remain affordable long term. (Agree)

This study and plan is impressive. I'm sure it took a lot to create and gather all of this information. But 2021 until now? The idea is great, but is the info outdated? Is this still achievable the way it is? Construction rates went from \$200 sq foot to \$600 sq foot in 2 years. In 2022, people could build 1000 sq foot home for \$200K, now that same home is \$600K. How are we to achieve this?

Price per sq foot:

2022 = \$168

2023 = \$350

2024 = \$600-\$800

Creating a board to implement and enforce- There was a task force or "Permitting working group" that was created to help figure out the best process and procedures for the permitting process. I have not seen a drastic amount of help so far.

How long will this take? Because not all of us can hang on much longer. Financially, physically and emotionally.

Mahalo

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-Desilee Santiago

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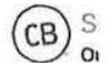
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1. Clearly, Maui County faces big issues related to the fires. What's the primary thing Maui needs to do now to recover from the fires?

There is no single thing that needs to be done to recover from the fires. We need to do several interrelated actions.

We need to allow the community to decide on future development. We need expedited entitlements and permitting. We need to remove barriers to rebuilding. To provide attainable housing, the county will need to subsidize housing costs within a timely basis.

We need to position the county to successfully utilize \$6.6million in federal recovery funds. We need to adopt a "Yes, in my backyard" attitude to accelerate this work.





2. What should Maui do to encourage people to stay? What can the county do to ensure that families aren't priced out?

Our community employers need to offer more pay, benefits or other incentives that will keep up with the cost of living here on Maui so people can continue to work, pay their bills and save for future endeavors, whatever that may be.

The county needs to work with other stakeholders (federal, state, private, public, the County Council and administration) to develop policies that protect our residents and incentive employment and retainment.

Aloha and welcome to the County of Maui!
We invite you to join our team of skilled and dedicated employees in helping to create an effective, responsive government and a safe, healthy and sustainable community.

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Department: Various

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Maui County (various), HI
Permanent Full-Time - \$4,240.00 Monthly
Category: Administration / Clerical & Data Entry / Office and Administrative Support
Department: Department of the Corporation Counsel

IMMEDIATE VACANCIES: Corporation Counsel Serves as secretary to a quasi-judicial board or commission established at the division level; records/takes and transcribes minutes of conferences, meetings, and public hearings; and performs other related duties as required. Distinction

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Maui County (various), HI
Permanent Full-Time - \$3,768.00 Monthly
Category: Administrative Assistant / Clerical & Data Entry / Office and Administrative Support
Department: Department of Management

Plans, organizes and assists in administrative services; may supervise a clerical assistant; and performs other related duties as assigned. Distinguishing Characteristics: This class is distinguished by its responsibility for assisting in administrative services in support operations and administrative

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Maui County (various), HI
Permanent Full-Time - \$3,768.00 Monthly
Category: Human Services / Grants Administration
Department: Department of Human Concerns

Coordinates and participates in the activities involved in the preparation, receipt, review, processing, and monitoring of grant agreements; plans, organizes and conducts administrative housekeeping services of the Grants Management Program; maintains the computer tracking system

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County Of Maui
Secretary I (SR-14)

SALARY	\$3,917.00 Monthly	LOCATION	Maui County (various), HI
JOB TYPE	Temporary Full-Time	JOB NUMBER	R-10022
DEPARTMENT	Various	OPENING DATE	04/18/2024
CLOSING DATE	Continuous		

Description

IMMEDIATE VACANCIES:

Department of Housing and Human Concerns

Provides secretarial, clerical and routine administrative services to the head of a division or office in a department or agency; may service a board or commission; may supervise lower level clerical staff; and performs other related duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

These classes include positions which involve the performance of secretarial services as a primary work assignment along with clerical and routine administrative services for the head of a division or office in a department or agency.

Responsibilities may also include providing secretarial and clerical support services to a board or commission.

These classes differ from the Clerk-Stenographer and Office Operations Assistant classes in that the Clerk-Stenographer and the Office Operations Assistant classes perform clerical work in support of an office function and may incidentally perform various secretarial tasks.

Grade Level Standards:

Grade I: This class is distinguished by its responsibility for providing secretarial services to the head of a division or office in a department or agency having moderately intense managerial functions and coordinative requirements by reason of the staff size and/or variety and diversity of functions.

Examples of Duties

The following are examples of duties and are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in this class. The omission of specific duties statements does not preclude management from assigning such duties if such duties are a logical assignment for the position.

- Organizes and coordinates matters that require executive attention;
- Searches files and assembles background materials and information for executive action or decisions;
- Summarizes and briefs materials;
- Gives information to the public or others based upon the knowledge of departmental functions, organization, regulations and the superior's thinking and attitude;
- Reads incoming correspondence and other material, screens out those which can be disposed of personally or routed to other personnel for action;
- Answers routine correspondence independently and writes letters from general oral and written instructions;
- Keeps the supervisor's calendar and schedules and adjust appointments and conferences;
- Arranges dates and places for meetings and notifies those who are to attend;
- May take and transcribe dictation of letters, reports and other materials;
- May attend board or commission meetings and take and transcribe minutes of proceedings;
- May prepare agendas, notices and minutes of hearings and/or meetings for distribution;
- Establishes and maintains files of confidential correspondence, reports, minutes and other materials;
- May supervise clerical employees by scheduling, assigning and reviewing their work;
- May keep records of expenditures and assist in budget preparation;
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

school including or supplemented by course work in typing or keyboarding and:

Grade I: three (3) years of secretarial, stenographic or substantive clerical experience.

License Requirement: A current typing or keyboarding proficiency certificate from an authorized agency with a minimum speed of 40 net words per minute must be presented at the time of filing. Possession of a valid motor vehicle driver's license (equivalent to State of Hawaii Type 3) as applicable to the position.

Knowledge of: Business English/ spelling, arithmetic; general and special office practices and procedures as they relate to operations; the operation and operational maintenance of various office machines and equipment including a personal computer; secretarial principles and practices; principles and practices of supervision.

Ability to: type/keyboard accurately at a rate of 40 net words per minute; as applicable to specific positions, take dictation at a rate of 80 words per minute; understand and interpret laws, ordinances, rules and regulations; plan, organize and carry out a broad range of secretarial functions; learn and effectively use word processing and other software applications; summarize and brief materials; deal tactfully and effectively with employees and the public; work harmoniously with others.

Physical Requirement:

Persons seeking appointment to a position in this class must meet health and physical condition standards deemed necessary and proper to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodations.

Physical Effort Grouping: Light

Supplemental Information

SKILLS ASSESSMENT:

Qualified applicants will be required to take an online assessment. Applicants are required to test alone in a quiet, distraction-free area using a reliable computer with a high-speed internet connection, a microphone, a webcam (internal or external), and a Windows or Apple Operating System. Applicants who do not meet the system requirements will be provided an opportunity to take the online assessment on site.

TEMPORARY POSITIONS:

Employees appointed to temporary positions may also gain membership in the civil service upon satisfactory completion of an initial probation period of at least six months. Once you become a member of the civil service, you become eligible to apply for promotion and transfer opportunities to permanent as well as other temporary positions.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Mau>

If you have never applied for a job using the NEOGOV system, you must create an account. You will need a username, password, and working email address to create your account. Your detailed work history is required on the application. A resume submitted in lieu of an application will not be sufficient. Furthermore, "See resume" is NOT an acceptable response under the "Work Experience" section. An application containing this response may be deemed incomplete. Applications may be rejected if they are incomplete.

EXAMINATIONS ARE ADMINISTERED IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI ONLY

The above examination is being given on an open-competitive basis to establish an eligible list which shall be effective for not more than one year unless extended by the Director of Personnel Services.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The County of Maui does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, disability, marital status, pregnancy, arrest and court record, assignment of child support, national guard participation or any other basis covered by state or federal laws governing non-discrimination

Pre-Employment/Post-Offer Drug Screening Test: All applicants, who will enter a safety sensitive position or certain designated categories that the Personnel Services Director has established or who are required by law to be drug tested must pass a pre-employment/post-offer drug screening test as a condition of employment. There is no retesting or re-evaluation process. Cost for the drug screening test shall be borne by the County of Maui.

Personnel Services Email: personnel.services@mauicounty.gov

Agency

County Of Maui

Address

200 South High Street

Wailuku, Hawaii, 96793

Secretary I (SR-14) Supplemental Questionnaire***QUESTION 1**

This position requires a combination of education and experience substantially equivalent to graduation from high school including or supplemented by course work in typing or keyboarding. Do you have a high school diploma or GED equivalent?

☐ Yes

☐ No

***QUESTION 2**

Do you have three (3) years of secretarial, stenographic or substantive clerical experience? Note: Please ensure your related work experience is listed on your application.

☐ Yes

☐ No

QUESTION 3

If yes, please indicate at which employer(s) did you gain this experience. (See "resume" is not acceptable.)

***QUESTION 4**

This position requires a current typing or keyboarding proficiency certificate from an authorized agency with a minimum speed of 40 net words per minute. Do you have a current typing or keyboarding proficiency certificate from an authorized agency with a minimum speed of 40 net words per minute?

☐ Yes

☐ No

*** Required Question**

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an **individual** in a household must earn to support themselves and/or their family, working full-time, or 2080 hours per year. The tables below provide living wage estimates for individuals and households with one or two working adults and zero to three children. In households with two working adults, all hourly values reflect what one working adult requires to earn to meet their families' basic needs, assuming the other adult also earns the same.

For further detail, please reference the [Methodology](#) page. The data on this page was last updated on February 14, 2024.

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FULL TIME SECRETARY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI							
							\$25/sr & \$50/pr
		DOH secretary	Grant secretary	Corp secretary	MINIMUM WAGE		SWEET PE'A WAGE
PER MONTH		\$3,917.00	\$3,768.00	\$4,240.00	\$2 426.67		\$8,666.67
PER YEAR	multiply by 12 = divide by 2080	\$47,004.00	\$45,216.00	\$50,880.00	\$29,120.00		\$104,000.00
PER HOUR	full time hours =	\$22.60	\$21.74	\$24.45	\$14.00		\$50.00
MIT Living Wage single resident =		\$29.29	\$29.29	\$29.29	\$29.29		\$29.29
cost to single resident to be a secretary for the county of maui housing department		(6.69)	(7.55)	(4.83)	(15.29)		20.71
		PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR		PER HOUR
MIT Living Wage single parent =		\$51.38	\$51.38	\$51.38	\$51.38		\$51.38
cost to single parent to be a secretary for the county of maui housing department		(28.78)	(29.64)	(26.92)	(37.38)		(1.38)
		PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR		PER HOUR

A mom that chooses to work as a secretary for the county will not have the resources to afford a home on Maui unless she secures additional income streams. This also occurs to new teachers subject to the state schedule for paying teachers and entry-level cashiers at local historic mom and pop businesses on Maui.

HLU Committee

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Aloha. Here are resources I am referencing in my testimony.

Mahalo, Lehua

HLU Committee

From: Johnmark D Mageo <jmageo@abcstores.com>
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Aloha,

Please see attachment.

Mahalo,

John Mark Mageo
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Government Affairs Manager
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jmageo@abcstores.com

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October 22, 2024

Maui County Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
Kalana Pakui Building
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, HI

Re: BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING
NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34)

Aloha Councilmembers,

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on Bill 105, amending section 19.500.110, Maui County Code, regarding nonconformities.

Airbnb supports the original intention of this bill to create additional flexibility for rebuilding of structures impacted by the Maui wildfires. However, the bill has been amended to include a provision that would eliminate the use of these structures for short-term renting if they have not been utilized for more than twelve months.

As written, there is no clarity as to who this amendment specifically impacts, how it would be applied, or how the County intends to enforce it. This presents a huge potential for unintended consequences – even penalizing locals who have paused hosting short-term rentals for the past year in order to house displaced residents long term. For many, the supplemental income from hosting is more important now than ever.

Last year, Airbnb and Airbnb.org worked closely with the Governor's office and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to help provide temporary housing for displaced residents across Maui. In total, we connected over 2,200 displaced residents to free, temporary housing. Since then, we have continued to work with DHS to encourage hosts on Airbnb to offer their homes to displaced residents on a longer term basis. In partnership with DHS, Airbnb has helped house over 1,000 displaced residents for a total of over 110,000 nights through this program to date.

We urge you to strike the amendment related to short-term rentals, which only creates several layers of confusion and detracts from the important goal of the original bill.

Mahalo,

Alex Folsom
Senior Policy Manager

HLU Committee

From: Alex Folsom <alexandra.folsom@airbnb.com>
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To: HLU Committee
Subject: Comments on Bill 105 for 10/23 HLU Hearing
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Aloha,

Please see comments related to Bill 105 on tomorrow's HLU agenda. I also plan on speaking at the hearing (Alex Folsom).

Mahalo,
Alex

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Alex Folsom (née April)
Senior Policy Manager - US West
Alexandra.April@airbnb.com
719 321 1430



Testimony in Support of Councilmember Tamara Paltin's Amendment to Bill 105

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

Lāhainā Strong is writing to express our deep concerns about the potential harmful effects of Bill 105 as it is written. Following the devastating wildfire in Lahaina, our community has been unequivocal in its call to remove transient vacation rentals (TVRs) from our neighborhoods. We strongly support Councilmember Tamara Paltin's amendment to Bill 105, which seeks to exclude TVRs from resuming operations under nonconforming use provisions, particularly in disaster-affected areas and respectfully request the inclusion of this amendment.

In the aftermath of the fires that devastated Lahaina, our community has been clear that TVRs should no longer be in our neighborhoods. This message has been voiced consistently since the early days of our recovery, and it is crucial that the County listens to our concerns. According to the LTRP Recovery Principles 6.1, prioritizing repopulation is essential, and emphasis must be placed on accelerating the rebuilding process and repopulation of Lahaina in the following order: owner-occupants, long-term multifamily rentals, and long-term single-family rentals. Furthermore, in the LTRP feedback presentation, residents identified the elimination of short-term vacation rentals in neighborhoods as one of their top five concerns. Along with addressing housing needs, limiting oversized homes and eliminating short-term vacation rentals were repeatedly emphasized as urgent priorities to help alleviate West Maui's housing shortage.

Additionally rebuilding TVRs would not only divert critical resources but also directly compete with the rebuilding of long-term housing. Contractors, electricians, plumbers, and other essential workers are already in short supply. If these workers are tied up restoring short-term rental properties, it will further delay the construction of affordable, permanent homes for our residents.

TVRs have already contributed to the displacement of local families and the unaffordability of housing in West Maui. By excluding them from the nonconforming use exceptions in this bill, we have an opportunity to prioritize long-term housing and the recovery of our local community.

This amendment ensures that the rebuilding process prioritizes the needs of local families who have lost everything. Without this amendment, Bill 105 would place profit over the well-being of our people, disrespecting those who wish to return to Lahaina to rebuild their lives. We urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of our neighborhoods and support a recovery that truly centers on our local families.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

With aloha,
Lāhainā Strong

HLU Committee

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Aloha Council Members,

Attached is our testimony for Bill 105. Mahalo for the opportunity.

Lāhainā Strong

Aloha Chair Kama, Council Members, and Members of the Planning Department.

My name is Leil Koch I am co-managing partner of 744 Front St Probably recently better known as the Fleetwoods on Front Street Bldg..

I want to thank the administration and the planning department for introducing Bill 105, and to Councilmember Kama for scheduling it for consideration. This bill is crucial in allowing the Front Street community to rebuild after the devastation we've endured.

Front Street is unique, filled with charm, history, and memories treasured by locals and visitors alike. The "funky" old buildings and structures were part of what made it so special. 744 Front Street built in 1916 has made it through two fires now.

We don't want to see those iconic historic and quirky buildings replaced with modern strip malls that mask our community's character and dilute Lahaina's history. That's why it's so important that this bill addresses the zoning issues that would allow us to rebuild what was there. The existing code, which cancels nonconforming uses if structures are not rebuilt within 12 months, is impossible for us to comply with given the catastrophic nature of recent events. We need flexibility to restore what was lost.

I strongly support the Maui Planning Commission's recommendation to extend the rebuilding time from the administration's proposed four years to five years, with the option for a two-year extension. This would give building owners the realistic timeframe we need to rebuild and restore Front Street in a way that maintains its integrity and history.

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Mahalo for your consideration and for supporting our community in this time of need.

I have 4 walls, a roof, electrical room, a basement full of goods and am ready to start my remodel as soon as the County will let me. Lets get the permit process going.

Sincerely,

Leil Koch

LoKo Maui LLC

744 Front Street

(808) 280-0000



October 21, 2024

Aloha Chair Kama and committee members. Mahalo for reading my testimony,

My name is Alison Pearce, I am an owner at 632 Front St. I am writing in support of Bill 105.

Mahalo to the administration and planning department for introducing the bill and to Chair Kama for thoughtfully listening to the community.

It has been over a year since the devastating wildfires in Lahaina. This fire has impacted my family greatly. We are heartbroken for the people of Lahaina. Especially those who have lost loved ones. And now, over a year later, we are distraught by the financial burden it weighs on us as well as so many here on Maui. The financial impact of not having our building to rent out has caused significant health and emotional problems for 3 generations in our family that have been impacted by the loss of Lahaina.

We have been paying an extremely high mortgage for several months without any income. We are a kama'aina family who wants to keep this property and see the town thrive again. We do not want to sell, especially to non local buyers. However, without action to rebuild now, we will not be able to afford to continue these payments and live on Maui, our home. I strongly support this bill as one step toward rebuilding our building and the town. This would help my family, the business that rented our building, the employees who worked there, the county of Maui and the State of Hawaii. We paid almost \$22,000 in property taxes in 2023, I can only imagine the overall property tax that Front Street brought to Maui county was astronomical. This is just one facet of the huge economic impact Front Street has on our local economy and the families who live here.

Every month that passes, brings us closer to needing to sell. Every month that passes drains our funds to be able to rebuild. If we do not use the insurance money within 3 years of the disaster, we will have to pay taxes on those funds. With building costs as high as they are, we need every penny to rebuild. This bill is crucial to helping us move forward as a business and as a community.

Mahalo,

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Alison Pearce
Square Feet Management LLC



MAUI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

October 23, 2024

Maui County Council
Housing and Land Use Committee
Tasha Kama, Chair
Tom Cook, Vice Chair
Members of the Housing and Land Use Committee

HLU-34 - BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES

Aloha Chair Kama, Vice Chair Cook and members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **supports** Bill 105 (2024) which amends Chapter 19.500.110 of the Maui County Code to allow for the reconstruction of nonconforming structures damaged, destroyed, or affected by an emergency or disaster and reestablishment of the nonconforming uses.

The Chamber commends the committee and Planning Department for the compassionate approach reflected in this bill. The people affected by the wildfires, through no fault of their own, lost their structures and should be allowed to rebuild them as they existed before. For these reasons, we support Bill 105.

Regarding the amendment proposed by Member Paltin, we first feel that before this is discussed, we should wait for the economic impact study to understand the data, particularly because none was provided in the proposal. It is difficult for us and others to ring in on this amendment when there was no data included on how many properties would be impacted, overall economic impacts, and the pros and cons. We want to ensure that this is fully vetted.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

Oct. 23, 2024, 9 a.m.

Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building

To: Maui County Council, Housing and Land Use Committee

Tasha Kama, Chair

Tom Cook, Vice-Chair

From: Jonathan Helton, Policy Researcher

Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

RE: Bill 105 — A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110, MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES

Aloha Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Cook and other members of the Committee,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [Bill 105 \(2024\)](#), which would modify how nonconforming structures and uses can be rebuilt or restored after being destroyed by a natural disaster.

In particular, the bill would provide a five-year window during which nonconforming structures and uses could be restored, under certain conditions. The Maui planning director could extend that window an additional two years if the building owner were to demonstrate good cause that the extra time is necessary.

The Maui County Code currently requires that any structure 50% or more destroyed must be rebuilt under existing zoning codes, with limited exceptions for historic properties and certain multifamily dwellings. Likewise, nonconforming uses cannot be restored in a structure if they have been discontinued for 12 or more consecutive months.¹

These standards obviously present a major challenge to Maui residents attempting to rebuild the devastating wildfires of Aug. 8, 2023.

¹ Kate Blystone, "[A Bill For an Ordinance Amending Section 19.500.110, Maui County Code, Regarding Nonconformities](#)," Memo to the Maui, Molokai and Lanai Planning Commissions, Feb. 21, 2024.

For example, restoring Lahaina’s community-focused and walkable town center will not be possible without zoning changes such as the ones proposed in this bill.

After Hurricane Iniki struck Kauai in 1992, the Kauai County Council adopted an ordinance similar to this bill to foster the reconstruction of nonconforming structures and reinstitution of nonconforming uses.²

Grassroot’s recent policy brief, “[Six ways to speed up the recovery and rebuilding of Lahaina](#),” addresses Bill 105 (2024) in detail and discusses other strategies the Council could use to reduce barriers to rebuilding in Lahaina.

We would welcome further dialogue about this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jonathan Helton
Policy Researcher
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

² “[Iniki exceptions OK’d by Council](#),” Honolulu Advertiser, Feb. 11, 1993.

Aloha Chair Kama and committee members. Mahalo for reading my testimony,

Aloha, I am an owner at 641 Luakini St. I am writing in support of Bill 105.

Mahalo to the administration and planning department for introducing the bill and to Chair Kama for thoughtfully listening to the community.

Born and raised on Maui, some of my earliest memories are being on Front Street. Coming from upcountry, it felt like an exciting place to visit. During the teen years, it was a staple place to surf and shop. It was an eyeopening experience to see people from all over the world, choose Lahaina to visit for a once in a lifetime vacation or an annual visit. As locals, we know how special it is and in the spirit of Aloha we love to share it with the world.

It has been over a year since the devastating wildfires in Lahaina. This fire has impacted my family greatly. We are barely recovering from our significant losses. And now, over a year later, we are distraught by the financial burden it weighs on us as well as many friends and acquaintances. The financial impact of not having our parking lot to rent out has caused significant financial stress for myself, my husband and our young children as well as our parents, brothers, sisters, in-laws, niece and nephews.

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Lahaina Ratoon LLC

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Alison Pearce
Lahaina Ratoon LLC

My name is Edward Codelia, and as a long-time resident and realtor on Maui, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges our community faces regarding housing and safety. I stand before you in opposition to the proposed amendments to Maui County Code Section 19.500.110 on non-conforming rentals.

While the intention behind this resolution may be to facilitate recovery after disasters, it ultimately falls short of protecting our residents and ensuring the integrity of our neighborhoods. Non-conforming rentals often lead to unsafe living conditions, overcrowding, and exploitation of vulnerable tenants, and this legislation fails to adequately address those critical issues.

We must prioritize the health and safety of our community members by holding property owners accountable for compliance with zoning and safety regulations. The current proposal risks perpetuating substandard living conditions and neglects the need for environmental sustainability in our rebuilding efforts.

Addressing the issue of non-conforming rental use is crucial because it involves not only violations of zoning and building codes but also occupancy laws that directly affect the quality of housing and the safety of tenants. Non-conforming rentals are often substandard and may not meet safety regulations, yet residents are forced to pay large rents for these properties due to the scarcity of affordable housing. Here's how these challenges could be addressed within the framework of legislation:

1. Regularization vs. Enforcement of Non-Conforming Rentals

Issue: Many non-conforming rentals do not comply with zoning, occupancy, or safety regulations, leading to unsafe living conditions. These rentals may escape scrutiny due to lax enforcement or lack of proper documentation.

Solution: Introduce a regularization program where owners of non-conforming rentals are given a time-bound opportunity to bring their properties into compliance with current zoning and building codes. This could involve meeting occupancy standards, ensuring proper safety measures (fire exits, structural soundness), and adhering to modern health codes.

Owners who fail to comply within a given timeframe should face increased penalties, including substantial fines or potential loss of the ability to rent out the property. Encourage tenants to report unsafe living conditions or high rents for non-conforming units through anonymous reporting mechanisms, with protection from retaliation.

2. Stronger Occupancy and Safety Enforcement

Issue: Non-conforming rentals may also violate occupancy laws, leading to overcrowding and unsafe conditions for tenants. Overcrowded units often lack proper emergency exits, fire safety measures, and are not inspected for structural integrity, which could be dangerous for tenants.

Solution: Increase enforcement of occupancy limits by allocating more resources to county inspectors. Establish routine and surprise inspections of rental units, particularly those in known non-conforming areas. Occupancy laws must be strictly enforced, with severe penalties for violations that affect tenant safety.

Introduce a rental inspection certification that landlords must obtain to prove compliance with building codes and occupancy limits before renting out a property. This certification process should be required annually and include proof that a rental is conforming or has been made safe through remediation efforts.

3. Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection

Issue: Tenants of non-conforming units may face exorbitant rent prices due to a lack of affordable alternatives. They may also face eviction if landlords decide to convert or renovate properties without regard for tenant protection laws.

Solution: Strengthen rent stabilization laws for non-conforming units to prevent landlords from charging excessive rents. While these units are being brought into conformity, rental increases should be capped, and tenants should be provided with legal protections against sudden eviction. Legislation could require landlords to offer relocation assistance to tenants if non-conforming units must be vacated for safety reasons.

Consider the establishment of a Tenant Advocacy Office to provide legal support to tenants living in non-conforming or unsafe rentals, ensuring they are not displaced without proper compensation or notice.

4. Conversion Incentives for Landlords

Issue: Landlords may be reluctant to bring non-conforming properties into compliance because of the cost or potential reduction in rental income.

Solution: Provide financial incentives or low-interest loans for landlords to convert non-conforming units into legal, compliant rentals. This could include tax credits or grants for installing fire alarms, addressing occupancy violations, or making other necessary upgrades to meet zoning and safety regulations. In exchange, landlords

The proposed amendments to Maui County Code Section 19.500.110 on nonconformities appear to be designed with the intent to facilitate recovery after disasters, which is especially important for Maui due to its exposure to natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes, and floods. While the proposal offers flexibility, there are several potential problems and areas for improvement. Here are some issues and possible enhancements:

Potential Problems and Failures

1. Vagueness in Compliance and Proof Requirements

The ordinance places the burden of proof on property owners to establish the nonconforming status of a structure or use before a disaster, which may be challenging for many. If proper records are not available or the process for verifying nonconforming status is unclear, it could result in disputes or delays.

Solution: The county could establish clearer guidelines on what types of documentation are required and offer pre-certification processes. This could include formal documentation of a property's nonconforming status before disasters occur, which would streamline the approval process after a disaster.

2. Risk of Abuse and Overdevelopment

The allowance for the restoration of nonconforming structures and uses without full compliance with modern zoning laws, while beneficial for property owners, could lead to overdevelopment or misuse, particularly if these nonconforming uses increase the strain on local infrastructure or create environmental concerns.

Solution: Introduce more stringent review processes to ensure that any redevelopment does not negatively impact the community. Additionally, there should be limits on the types of expansions or alterations allowed. For example, property owners should not be allowed to significantly increase the size or intensity of nonconforming uses under the guise of rebuilding.

3. Ambiguity in Application to Different Areas and Property Types

The ordinance broadly addresses nonconforming structures on Maui and Lāna'i, but there may be differences in the infrastructure, zoning needs, and disaster resilience requirements for different parts of the islands. Without specific guidelines for various regions or property types (e.g., residential vs. commercial), the law might be too broad in its application.

Solution: Add provisions that take into account the regional differences across Maui and Lāna'i, particularly in terms of water access, flood risks, environmental sensitivity, and infrastructure support. Tailoring the law to different zones or areas could enhance its effectiveness and reduce unintended consequences.

4. Compliance with Modern Environmental Standards

The rebuilding of nonconforming structures after disasters could lead to a failure to comply with modern environmental standards. While the ordinance mentions compliance with building codes and flood regulations, it doesn't address environmental sustainability or requirements for energy efficiency, water conservation, or resilience against future climate change impacts.

Solution: Incorporate provisions that require properties to comply with current environmental regulations and encourage the use of sustainable building practices. This could involve incentivizing or mandating the use of renewable energy systems, rainwater harvesting, and other green infrastructure during reconstruction.

5. Time Constraints for Rebuilding

The five-year deadline for rebuilding after a disaster, with the possibility of a two-year extension, may not be feasible for all property owners, especially those dealing with personal hardships or insurance issues. Additionally, natural disasters often lead to labor shortages and supply chain disruptions, which can delay construction.

Solution: Provide greater flexibility in the deadlines for reconstruction, particularly in cases where delays are outside the control of the property owner, such as material shortages or government-imposed

restrictions. Extensions should be easily accessible, with clear criteria for how property owners can qualify for them.

6. Potential Incompatibility with Future Zoning Changes

The ordinance allows nonconforming structures to be rebuilt according to their previous nonconforming use. This could clash with future zoning changes or developments in the county's long-term planning. Nonconforming uses may conflict with more modern or sustainable land-use plans.

Solution: Include a sunset clause that allows nonconforming uses to be re-established only within a limited period, with the goal of phasing out such uses as zoning laws evolve. Additionally, nonconforming uses could be subject to stricter reviews to ensure they align with broader county goals, such as reducing density in certain areas or preserving green spaces.

Potential Enhancements

1. Incentives for Compliance with New Zoning Laws

To encourage property owners to voluntarily bring their properties into compliance with current zoning laws, the county could offer incentives such as tax breaks, grants, or expedited permit processes for those who choose to rebuild according to the latest zoning codes, rather than restoring nonconforming structures.

2. Clearer Public Communication and Outreach

The success of this legislation will depend on property owners' understanding of their rights and obligations. There could be confusion among the public regarding what qualifies as nonconforming and the steps needed to restore properties after a disaster.

Solution: The county should launch an outreach campaign to educate property owners on how the ordinance works, what documentation they need, and how to navigate the rebuilding process after a disaster.

3. Incorporate Climate Resilience Measures

While the ordinance addresses rebuilding in the event of a disaster, it does not mention future-proofing against future disasters. Given the increasing risks of climate change (such as more frequent and intense storms), this is a critical oversight.

Solution: Include requirements for properties being rebuilt under the ordinance to incorporate climate-resilient features, such as elevated foundations in flood zones, stormwater management systems, or fire-resistant building materials in areas prone to wildfires.

4. Post-Disaster Review Committee

Create a special review committee within the county government that would oversee and approve nonconforming uses and structures being restored after a disaster. This would ensure that all projects are in the public interest and would provide a more streamlined process for approvals.

5. Impact Assessments for Large-Scale Developments

For larger nonconforming structures (e.g., hotels or multifamily units), there should be a requirement to conduct an impact assessment to determine whether restoring the structure will have a negative impact on the surrounding community or environment. This is especially important in areas where infrastructure may be overwhelmed by increased population density or tourism.

In conclusion, while the proposed amendments to Maui County Code Section 19.500.110 aim to facilitate recovery after disasters, they raise significant concerns regarding public safety, community integrity, and long-term planning. The framework currently in place fails to adequately address the myriad issues stemming from non-conforming rentals, which include substandard living conditions, overcrowding, and potential exploitation of vulnerable tenants.

Firstly, the proposed regularization program lacks robust mechanisms to ensure compliance with safety and occupancy standards, risking the safety and well-being of tenants. By placing the burden of proof on property owners, the legislation may inadvertently shield those unwilling or unable to meet necessary regulations. This not only perpetuates unsafe living conditions but also undermines the intent of fostering a safe and habitable community.

Furthermore, the vagueness in compliance and proof requirements opens the door to disputes and delays, particularly in the aftermath of disasters when property owners may already be struggling. Without clearer guidelines and support for property owners to document nonconforming status, the resolution could lead to confusion and inequitable outcomes, exacerbating the existing housing crisis.

The lack of environmental sustainability provisions further complicates the issue. As Maui faces increasing risks associated with climate change, allowing the restoration of nonconforming structures without adhering to modern environmental standards is shortsighted and irresponsible. Our community must prioritize resilience and sustainability, ensuring that rebuilding efforts do not compromise our environment or future planning.

Additionally, the legislation's allowance for nonconforming structures to be rebuilt according to previous uses conflicts with Maui's long-term planning goals. Without a sunset clause or stricter review processes, we risk fostering developments that do not align with the evolving needs and priorities of our community.

In summary, while the desire to streamline recovery after disasters is commendable, the current proposal does not sufficiently safeguard the interests of tenants, uphold safety standards, or promote responsible development. Therefore, we urge the council to reconsider this resolution and focus on

creating a comprehensive approach that prioritizes public safety, environmental sustainability, and the well-being of all residents in Maui County.



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Aloha Chair Kama, Vice Chair Cook and members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **supports** the committee's efforts to develop creative initiatives aimed at building more attainable housing and increasing the housing supply in Maui County.

As always, the Chamber stands ready to assist in any capacity, as housing remains our top priority during these challenging times.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide our comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.