

Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

DL Denise LaBarre <ddragonwriter@everyactioncustom.com>

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Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

I am an avid snorkeler, ocean swimmer and marine life enthusiast. I have noticed horrible die-off zones in areas

I have already stopped buying sunscreen with oxybenzone and am encouraging everyone I know to do the same. We need this bill to educate the millions of visitors to Hawaii who are unaware of the damage their sunscreen is doing to our fragile aquatic ecosystems.

I strongly support the bill to prohibit the sale and use of oxybenzone- and octinoxate-based SPF products on Maui. These chemicals are known reef killers, and we must do everything to protect this fragile ecosystem.

If this bill is passed, Council will leave a lasting legacy for Maui's future and put us on the map as a world leader in protecting our ocean environment.

If this bill does not pass, our reefs will continue to suffer and this will negatively effect Maui's people, ecosystems and our economy. People from all over the world flock to Maui every year because of the island's pristine beauty, but more and more locals and visitors alike are leaving the water disappointed because our reefs are dead or dying. Many local people rely on the sea to provide food, but as the reefs die so go the fish. Maui's future will be much less bright without thriving coral reef.

Please show the community you care about Maui's future by voting yes on this landmark legislation.

Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Denise LaBarre
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Stop the proposed amendment to Section 2.08.050, Maui County Code

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Denise LaBarre <mauiotter@gmail.com>

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Dear County Clerk and Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed amendment to Section 2.08.050, Maui County Code, Pertaining To Legislative Branch Organization.

I strongly oppose this amendment on many grounds, not least of which that it is dirty politics. I am not a developer with the funds to put my candidates in office but I am a concerned voter and I disagree with many of the County Council's votes, which seem to favor big-money development at the expense of the residents and the land we live on.

Please register my opposition to this amendment.

Mahalo nui,
Denise LaBarre
5 Mokuahi St.
Makawao, HI 96768

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Support for sand mining moratorium

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Aloha,

As a long time Maui voter and resident, I am writing to express my support for a moratorium on sand mining in Maui County.

Please note this support and share it among the Council members and in whatever ledge you note public comment.

Mahalo nui,

Denise LaBarre
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From: megan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Megan Lamson
<megan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 11:18 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support the Bill Phasing Out Oxybenzone and Octinoxate Sunscreens

Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

I am writing to ask that you support the bill phasing out oxybenzone- and octinoxate-based chemical sunscreen products. These chemicals are known to threaten our marine wildlife, and we must do everything to protect this fragile ecosystem.

If this bill is passed, the Council will leave a lasting legacy for Maui's future and put us on the map as a world leader in protecting our ocean environment. Also, our Hawai'i County Council is considering moving forward on a similar bill in your wake - protecting even more of our state's precious coral reef ecosystems.

If this bill does not pass, our reefs will continue to suffer and this will negatively effect Maui's people, ecosystems and our economy. People from all over the world flock to Maui every year because of the island's pristine beauty, but more and more locals and visitors alike are leaving the water disappointed because our reefs are dead or dying. Many local people rely on the sea to provide food, but as the reef die so go the fish. Maui's future will be much less bright without thriving coral reef.

Please vote to pass this landmark legislation. Mahalo again for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Ms. Megan Lamson
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From: mauigini@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Virginia Lande
<mauigini@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 6:08 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens
Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Ms Virginia Lande
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From: hilskiii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of hilary langdon
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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 9:36 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

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Sincerely,
hilary langdon
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From: gordo161101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gordon Lange <gordo161101@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 5:35 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
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CL Carrie Larita <carrielarita@everyactioncustom.com>
Thu 11/30, 7:12 PM
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Sincerely,
Carrie Larita
PO Box 1787 Lahaina, HI 96767-1787
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Deborah Lawson <deborabora@everyactioncustom.com>

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Wed 11/22/2017 12:49 PM

To:County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>;

Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Lawson

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From: donvlax@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Don V.Lax
<donvlax@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 12:57 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Mr Don V. Lax
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From: jennjennlee15@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Lee <jennjennlee15@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:45 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Ms. Jennifer Lee
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LL Logan Lee <loganlee36@gmail.com>
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Aloha,

I am emailing my testimony to support the Prohibiting of Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate.

I love and care for our beaches and oceans, not only here on Maui but all over this amazing living Planet.

I am a member of the Maui Surf Rider Foundation and work with that organization to clean our waters and beaches.

I feel that we need to take the necessary steps in protecting our natural environment for our salvation and our future.

with all the love and respect,
Logan Lee-
(808) 866-3857

County Clerk

From: Adelle <adellelennox@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 8:07 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: County Communication 17-484

I am a tax paying citizen who votes. I am writing today to alert you to my opinions regarding County Communication 17-484 "Legislative Branch Organization."

I submit this email as my testimonial that County Communication 17-484 NOT be referred to committee, that it be FILED immediately without further discussion in any committee.

Please *kokua*. This is extremely important. A wide number of Maui residents are unaware of this happening at all. There needs to be significantly more transparency and communication about what is happening with Maui County Council.

I do not understand why one person on the council has so been successful in asserting so much power from his role on the Council. It is blatantly out of control and obvious--my *ohana* of concerned citizens have been following this scandal for a couple of years. I fear for Maui's future without a fair and just council of citizens who care about the diversity of issues facing our island home. Please support legislation that is *PONO*.

Mahalo.

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ilana AMAR LESHEM <dramarleshem@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu 11/30/2017 7:27 AM

To:County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>;

Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,

ilana AMAR LESHEM

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DL Dillyn Lietzke <dlietzke20@everyactioncustom.com>

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Yesterday, 8:21 PM
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Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

I strongly support the bill to prohibit the sale and use of oxybenzone- and octinoxate-based SPF products on Maui. These chemicals are known reef killers, and we must do everything to protect this fragile ecosystem.

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Sincerely,
Dillyn Lietzke
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Pat Lindquist <pblindquist@everyactioncustom.com>

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Wed 11/22/2017 12:20 PM

To:County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>;

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Sincerely,
Pat B. Lindquist
President, Napili Bay and Beach Foundation

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pat Lindquist
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pblindquist@gmail.com

County Clerk

From: dan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel Logtenberg
<dan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 5:53 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens
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Sincerely,
Mr Daniel Logtenberg
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dan@mauimarketing.com

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From: kelli@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelli Lundgren
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Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 8:11 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support the Bill Phasing Out Oxybenzone and Octinoxate Sunscreens

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Sincerely,
Ms. Kelli Lundgren
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From: llyerly7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Lyerly <llyerly7@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 1:24 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Ms Linda Lyerly
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From: mark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark MacKay
<mark@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 11:16 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Support Bill 17-179 Prohibiting the Sale and Use of SPF Sunscreens
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Sincerely,
MR Mark MacKay
283 S Alu Rd Wailuku, HI 96793-1511
mark@markmackay.com

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Michele Mader <mikicootware@everyactioncustom.com>

Thu 11/30/2017 11:16 AM

To:County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>;

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Michele Mader
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NM Nesrine Majzoub <neszoub@everyactioncustom.com>

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Today, 5:52 AM

County Clerk ▾

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Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
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Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate

Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

I strongly support the bill to prohibit the sale and use of oxybenzone- and octinoxate-based SPF products on Maui. These chemicals are known reef killers, and we must do everything to protect this fragile ecosystem.

If this bill is passed, Council will leave a lasting legacy for Maui's future and put us on the map as a world leader in protecting our ocean environment.

If this bill does not pass, our reefs will continue to suffer and this will negatively effect Maui's people, ecosystems and our economy. People from all over the world flock to Maui every year because of the island's pristine beauty, but more and more locals and visitors alike are leaving the water disappointed because our reefs are dead or dying. Many local people rely on the sea to provide food, but as the reefs die so go the fish. Maui's future will be much less bright without thriving coral reef.

Please show the community you care about Maui's future by voting yes on this landmark legislation.

Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,
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Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

I strongly support the bill to prohibit the sale and use of oxybenzone- and octinoxate-based SPF products on Maui. These chemicals are known coral reef killers.

Our reefs protect our islands physically, and reefs are important as homes for sea life. Reef life grows food for us, and is a wonderful sight for swimmers. When coral reefs die, edible seaweeds and fish die off too.

If this bill is passed, Council can help protect Maui's ocean environment. It is up to Maui to act to protect our own reefs.

Please pass this legislation!

Mahalo .

Sincerely,
Ms. Martha Martin
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Please Support the Bill Phasing Out Oxybenzone and Octinoxate Sunscreens

Marty Martins <mauimanokane@everyactioncustom.com>

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To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>;

Dear Maui County Clerk Maui County Council,

I am writing to ask that you support the bill phasing out oxybenzone- and octinoxate-based SPF products. These chemicals are known reef killers, and we must do everything to protect this fragile ecosystem.

If this bill is passed, Council will leave a lasting legacy for Maui's future and put us on the map as a world leader in protecting our ocean environment.

If this bill does not pass, our reefs will continue to suffer and this will negatively effect Maui's people, ecosystems and our economy. People from all over the world flock to Maui every year because of the island's pristine beauty, but more and more locals and visitors alike are leaving the water disappointed because our reefs are dead or dying. Many local people rely on the sea to provide food, but as the reef die so go the fish. Maui's future will be much less bright without thriving coral reef.

Please vote to pass this landmark legislation. Mahalo for your leadership!

Sincerely,

Mr. Marty Martins

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Dear sir,

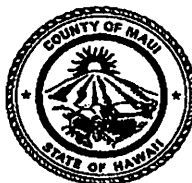
I am writing in regards to saving the affordable housing project of the FRONT STREET APARTMENTS. We here at the complex have been anxiously trying to save our homes for quite some time now. There have been two bills one house and one senate that have been permanently deferred HB1553 and SB1266. With SUPPORTIVE testimonies given to both from many residents. We have tried hard to keep together in this fight to save our homes. Unfortunately due to the bills being deferred and the long duration many people are losing hope. Tenants have been verbally warned against soliciting any information on the property to save their home by threatening eviction. By request of the owner. The landlord was observed taking pictures of an elderly tenant while passing out flyers and verbally warned. We live in America and our right to assemble is a threat to our home. Due to the lengthy duration and threats to our homes. I have seen it upon myself to submit the past testimonies of the tenants who have all supported the saving of the FRONT STREET APARTMENTS. People are becoming discouraged and fearful of the situation and I urge you to help them.

Enclosed to this email are the testimonies in PDF format. Please use them at the next Thursday meeting on 11-16-2017 Maui County Council Resolution HHT-39.....

I and the tenants of Front Street Apartments SINCERELY THANK YOU !!!

John Massa

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
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LATE TESTIMONY

February 8, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA
MAYOR
COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SB1266 Relating to Affordable Housing

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT OF SB1266**.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) or any entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support this bill for the following reasons:

- The current residents of the apartments are comprised of below 60% & below 50% of the Area Median Income for Maui County. Some are disabled and/or elderly. They represent our most vulnerable population.
- Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025. There are very little affordable rental options in Maui County. If the current residents were to lose their units, there are virtually no other affordable rental units for them to move to. Many could become homeless.
- Maui County has a limited number of shelters which are typically at full capacity. There is no adequate shelter space to accommodate displaced residents of the Front Street Apartment project.

We are hopeful that the State will be able to negotiate to acquire the property so that the 142 very low income individuals and families are able to remain in their units.

I urge you to strongly support SB1266.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Ann Koyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of SB1266. We need affordable housing! We are getting priced out of our homes. The people that live at Front Street Apartments are working class families that work hard for every penny they earn. These apartments provide them a home at a rate that they can afford without worrying about how to pay for other utilities. Families need a place to call home. They need a dwelling that houses just their family and not a place where multiple families have to live just to pay the rent or lease. Please you must approve this bill so that these families dont get priced out of paradise like so many already have.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Watari	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Born and raised Lahaina and with the cost of living here, our kids needs affordable housing here. My son resides at the Front Stret apartments and is barely making ends meet. Working as a food runner at \$10 an hour, he won't be able to pay the market cost. Please, please don't take away the roof over our children's heads. We actually need more affordable housing for the local people on Maui! Mahalo for your time!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arika Rains	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill will help hundreds of families who are very involved in our small community stay in a safe and affordable rent housing which is extremely needed here in Lahaina. There are so many measures trying to be taken to fix the expensive rents here in Lahaina how could you even think of taking one large one away??? This is outrageous and ridiculous that these people will basically have to move to another city or state to get the help they need to survive on our small incomes here. Please pass this bill to protect them.

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George Burnette	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing as a concerned citizen in support of this bill SB1266. Any action that will help keep our local families in homes, sheltered and safe to me should be a priority. Thank you for considering my testimony and supporting bill SB1266.

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SB 1266

Measure Title: RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Report Title: HHFDC; Affordable Housing; Maui; Front Street Apartments; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Directs HHFDC or any appropriate entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property. Appropriates funds.

Companion: HB1553

Package: None

Current Referral: HOU, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, ENGLISH, ESPERO, HARIMOTO, KEITH-AGARAN, K. Kahele, Kim

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Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
S.B. 1266
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The HHFDC supports the intent of S.B. 1266. If it is the Committee's intent to move this measure forward, we respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the bill.

On page 4, line 9, the following should be deleted: ", in perpetuity". Affordable housing projects cannot be financed with this condition imposed, so this language should be deleted.

On page 5, line 16, the word "approval" should be replaced by "disapproval." The sale of HHFDC property is subject to Legislative disapproval pursuant to §171-64.7, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph D Pluta	WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.	Support	No

Comments: The WMTA STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB1266 and requests that it be passed without delay. Affordable housing has been on the top of the WMTA priority List for over 15 years and the current situation is in crisis proportions. This Bill will address a way to stop making the crisis worse than it already is. The WMTA has represented thousands of Maui Property Owners and residents the past 328 years. Please pass this Bill! Malama Pono ame Mahalo, Joseph D Pluta, President Emeritus, Founding Board Member

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Councilmember Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 6, 2017

TO: Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember 

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 1266, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to direct HHFDC or any appropriate entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property. The measure appropriates funds.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. There exists a critical shortage of affordable rentals and properties for sale in Maui County. The Front Street Apartments consisting of 142 units housing 250 residents was developed under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program for households earning less than 60% of the area median income.
2. The Front Street Apartments were expected to remain affordable to low income tenants for a period of 50 years. After fulfilling their 15 year minimum requirement to keep the property affordable, the owners exercised their option to remove the property from affordability requirements which after a 3 year grace period will allow them to charge market rate rents making it unaffordable for their current tenants.
3. Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006 regarding state intervention to preserve affordable rents at Kukui Gardens affordable rental housing project set an important precedence.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Violeta	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I'm single mom with a special needs child. I need your help for keep front street apartment with the rent low. I work only when my son is at the school. It is really hard for me to pay the bills. We live here since 10 years. Sometimes i can't sleep thinking about the rent.. ,ect. Please we and Our neighbors we need your help for keep front street Apartments with the rent low. Please help us. God bless.

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CSpellman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB 1266 is critical to Maui County's residents in Lahaina, West Maui. I Support SB 1266. The homeless situation is overwhelming to our social services and jeopardizes the safety of our tax paying, voting residents. Front Street AFFORDABLE Apartments was built in 2001 with a 50 year term as Affordable, meant for the hard-working classes, Families, Retirees on fixed incomes, permanently disabled and all struggle financially day-to-day. With a small percentage of HUD recipients, this complex is depended upon by the 250-300 tenants currently residing at the Front Street Apartments (FSA). The children of working Families and working single parents thrive securely in our West Maui schools. We desperately appeal to you to assist us in our need to keep FSA Affordable Apts. Affordable, as deemed at the inception dated 2001, for the 50 yr. term as originally stated. However, as the need for affordable housing increases for Maui County residents, it is most beneficial for all to keep it affordable in perpetuity. There is an enormous need, and rather than do costly funding for land lease and construction of the same, while ejecting those being proposed to assist, makes no sense. We already HAVE the needed complex in perfect working form. Please do not allow the retracting of its affordability aspect only to rebuild again elsewhere. To use the hard working tenants as pawns, as financial space holders to be disposed of for private investor gain is cruel beyond measure. We, the tenants are united in our struggle to reach out to all willing and able to assist us in securing our lives and future. We appeal to you directly. Thank you for your time and understanding of this situation. We feel you will do your foremost for us, the public, now in dire straits. Please help us we have nowhere to go. In the last 4 years 30,000 Hawaiians have moved from the West Maui area to the Mainland as they cannot afford to live in Hawaii. Mahalo Nui Loa. CSpellman, FSA's, Lahaina, Maui 9676

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E. Wayne Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was sad to hear that where I have lived since the summer, Front Street Apartments, has been sold, and that I, and the other many individuals and families who live here, will have to move. I had never heard about this until it was evidently a done deal. I am a 66 year old disabled veteran, and was so grateful to move here to Front Street Apartments last summer and as a Hawaii resident, hoping to live out my life here. The thought of moving, or being homeless again is daunting. I try not to think about it, but it is impossible to forget the scariness, and humiliation of not having a home. Even the thought of packing up at my age, losing my new found security, leaving familiar surroundings, and trying to find a home is unimaginable for me, as it must be for the other individuals and families here. If so many of us have to leave, there might not be enough available places to live in our small town, and perhaps landlords hearing of so many desperate Front Street refugees needing places would see an opportunity to rent gouge. I looked on the web for information, and found only one little PDF, but I am not good with computers. In that PDF was stated "the buyer must continue to operate the low-income portion of the building as "a qualified low-income building in accordance with the IRC." I'm not sure what that means, but it seems that the original intent, was to keep it affordable low income housing? Every morning, I see the children heading off to school, and feel so sad for them. Some of their demeanours seem to have changed since this news broke, and I can't help wonder what effect it might be having on them personally, and how their family life is affected because of this. We are all so grateful to have our little community, but now people are scared. All this is why I am supporting HB 1553 & SB 1266. Please, for the sake of the children, families, elderly, disabled, health challenged people, and for people getting back on their feet after unfortunate life events, help us. Sincerely, Ernie Johnson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elle Cochran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, As the West Maui County Council Member, I can tell you that the Front St. Apartments is vital to our lower income West Maui residents. There is a severe shortage of affordable rentals in West Maui, and losing the Front St. Apartments will make the situation even worse. I fully support State and matching county funds being used to purchase the Front St. Apartments, and making those units affordable in perpetuity. The only way local and state government are going to be able to solve our housing crisis in the long term is to make units affordable in perpetuity. We cannot continue to put public funds toward purchasing units that will only be affordable for a short time. My office has been working on ways to make units affordable in perpetuity through deed restrictions or by putting the land in trust. I would be happy to offer the committee chair and it's members some insight about the possibilities. We are one of very few states/counties who don't require affordability in perpetuity. Please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions, Mahalo Elle Cochran 808 270 5504

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autumn ness	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the purchase of Front St. Apartments, and especially encourage the state to purchase it with the requirement that it be affordable in perpetuity. Local and state governments can not continue to allow our affordable housing solutions to go onto the open market after a short period of time. We are putting valuable public resources into only temporary solutions unless we make units affordable in perpetuity. The housing crisis on Maui and in Hawaii is large and needs to be solved with long term thinking.

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Testimony for HOU on Feb 9, 2017 15:00PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Henry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony by Barbara J. Henny, 1802 Kenui Place, Front Street Apartments, Lahaina. SB 1266 There has been a travesty of justice and a betrayal of people's rights by the Maui county council, the Mayor and Hawaii state members who supposedly "serve" us, the residents of Front Street Apartment and the Maui Ohana. A deceitful, backhanded action was taken to remove our Affordable Income housing late last year during a private meeting of the MCC. Information regarding the outcome of this meeting was delayed and never officially conveyed to residents, who have faithfully committed to their contracts after months/sometimes years of vetted certification for qualification. Both the Bills referenced attest to what is known. Hopefully copies are available for all to read and digest. I am no lawyer but it is markedly clear that options can be made available. An investigation needs to be initiated on what transpired during the meetings with the investor/new owner (still anonymous) and why the State could not fulfill its obligations to provide extra funding, even under advisement? from the Maui County Council. Homelessness on these islands is a horrific issue and negating the Affordable Housing program in buildings where they were available and promised to the people of the island will only exarcebate this problem. It is not only the problem of people coming to these islands on a oneway ticket but those decent, responsible, hardworking folks who live and work here. Perhaps we can obtain a transcript on the backroom proceedings of these meetings Akaku TV provides some accounts of the general Council meetings, but not of that private transaction. We, the people at Front Street Apartments, are diverse in all socio-economic backgrounds but conscientious. dignified and respectful. It is a safe haven, well managed by compassionate and experienced personnel. Not all of us are eloquent in our presentations, not all of us are computer literate or able to communicate well, but we are all humans with our basic needs of appropriate housing and care. A survey conducted reveals adult resident age groups from 25 - 70+ as well as families with babies, toddlers and school age children. Do you want me (at 70) and others to be camping on the street? The waitlists for affordable housing vary from 5-8 years and already lists are overflowing for available places in all locations of the island. How in God's name do you think we can move our humble possessions to another location? Not everyone has transportation (e.g. cars) - I don't. I at least can still walk to a bus stop or to the store but many are confined only to their abodes. The new Kahoma development across the road (Kenui Street) is under construction and there is no shelter available there, also no affordable rentals. There used to be access for the homeless. Are you willing to see old folk and families on the streets of Lahaina? Whilst I and others are writing in good faith, we have not been advised of the (anonymous) new "owner's" name - we are at his and his corporation's mercy. Just like the old feudal lords in England and the plantation owners here, whose

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SB1266

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT - RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. My name is Anna Barbeau, I am a consistent voting, tax paying resident of Maui County since 1968. Single, I have worked to self support in the visitor industry, sales, an educator for DOE 20 years. I have found it increasingly difficult to secure housing within my means. Front St. Affordable Housing, built in 2001, became my affordable residence in 2007. Having researched it's status, it posted online a term of 50 yrs. as Affordable Housing for our deserving working class, retirees on fixed incomes, some disabled, and was under the umbrella of HUD. Feeling secure in the future, I became a tenant understanding this would be my last residence due to advancing age. I would only vacate my unit, 'feet first'. Moving is traumatic, and a forced move even worse. It is also cost prohibitive. There are between 250-300 tenants residing in this Affordable complex. Working families with children, employed single parents as well. Studies and common sense show that young children experience insecurities when uprooted from their schools, classmates, friends and all that has become familiar when forced to relocate. For children of single parents, the early loss of a parent doubles this unstable foundation which can easily lead to early involvement into drug experimentation and petty crime. This is fact and it knows no economic status. For the aged, it is a crushing, hopeless feeling of despair as a fixed income an inability to pack belongings search hopelessly for unavailable residences lead to defeat. There is nowhere to go. We became tenants under false pretenses regarding the 50 yr. term of security and WE WERE NEVER informed otherwise. To be used as space holders for income for 10 yrs. only to be disposed of in favor of outside private investor financial gains cannot be allowed. At time of this offer to sell the leasehold, it was ONLY presented to Oahu who did not have enough funds. Our West side Representatives (Council members Elle Cochran, Don Guzman and others) were NOT INFORMED and state (view videotaped Maui County Council Meeting 12/1/16) They had/have funds in the County's coffers which, combined with State funds, could have, WOULD have bought the leasehold. This needs now to be done in view of not putting 250-300 residents onto the streets and onto already stressed social services. It will be by all accounts less costly to keep FRONTS ST. AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS as is, rather than spending even more money to acquire land, and finance the building of more complexes. Our infrastructure and schools are at critical mass. FSA is already here and working. PLEASE consider your constituents. We ask that you perform your honored public service we all respectfully believe you capable of doing well. Thank you. Anna Barbeau and Gung Hee Fat Choy Anna Barbeau [annamaui2008@yahoo.com]

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Aloha, attached is my testimony, resent as it had been submitted too early.

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Kristen Koba-Burdtd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Maui resident, I strongly support SB1266 and commend the legislature for taking this important action to maintain affordable housing.

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maria linz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is imperative that Front Street Apartments remain affordable. To remove this quantity of affordable housing in Lahaina, when any housing, let alone affordable housing is extremely hard to come by currently, it would have devastating effects on the community.

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more affordable rentals. We are in an affordable housing crisis in Maui and especially in Lahaina. It is compounding the traffic during rush hour because no one that works in West Maui can afford to live in West Maui. We need workers to staff the hotels and restaurants that serve the tourist that visit. We need affordable rentals and affordable housing in perpetuity, we can't afford to loose any of what we already have because we are in a desperate need for more. The quality of life for residents and the quality of experience for visitors is at stake. Kaanapali brings in more tourist dollars per square foot than anywhere else in the State we need housing. Please act now to save the Front st. apartments, to help West Maui.

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Lauren Ampolos	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I've lived on Maui for 8 years and can't afford to buy a house. Rent keeps going up every year between \$100-200/mo Please pass this bill and bring us affordable housing to rent and buy. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify

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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

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Kathryn Snyder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kathryn Snyder 1122 Kenui Circle Lahaina, HI 96761 281-6909 I am 81 years old and have live at FSA for 11+ years. I had planned to live here for the rest of my life. It would be very difficult to find another place in Lahaina that is so convenient to everything at a price that I could afford. The thought of having to move is just overwhelming to me. Please help my neighbors stay at FSA. Thank you. s

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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JANET DRAPER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: JANET DRAPER = 808-214-0247 I am a 72 year old female senior citizen, living alone at the Front Street Apartments. I have been a resident there since they were built 15 years ago, and thought I would be here until the end of my life. To have to think about moving has been so stressful to me. But the prospect of paying DOUBLE rent in 2 years, which is what is proposed by the owner, is beyond my comprehension. Living on Social Security and a small pension this would be IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME. I respectfully ask that you do all in your power to keep the Front Street Apartment in Lahaina AFFORDABLE for us low income SENIORS and families.

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alex gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep this affordable. Almost 5 years ago we were homeless and I thank god we were able to get in. We as poor Hawaiian s need more places in Lahaina that people can afford. So please leave it as is.

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Mrs Evette Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To the Powers that Be, Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. Aloha, my name is Evette Green. I am an original tenant here at Front St., Apts. My husband, Godfrey Green is a born and raised Mauian. We have been married for 25 years and have two children. Jett, 15, is a 10th grader at Lahainaluna High School and Ace, 12, is home schooled. Having decided to raise children here we knew the only place we could give our family a real chance was Font St., Apt. It is because of this place we have been able to be productive consumers in society. We have been able to fuel the local economy with the ability to pay our own way. We have been able to give back to the community with volunteering and spearheading events. I have made it a priority to make Front St., Apts. a community by hosting events such as clean up day and outdoor movie nights for all tenants in the complex. Having our rent more than double will price my family out of the market and our home and stability will be threatened. Front St., Apts. is a model example of what the housing should be like in Hawaii. I humbly ask you to consider maintaining this complex for the health of our Ohana and all who benefit. Evete Green

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Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Delzer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have lived at Front St. Apartments for 13yrs. I am a hard working single female which means I don't have a significant other to help share in my expenses. This community is quiet and respectful of others. We keep this property clean. If this property becomes no longer affordable I will either 1) be homeless and have to live down at the harbor with all the crack heads and get food stamps and go to the soup kitchen and accept the free groceries weekly from the state or 2) have to quit my job of over 10yrs and move back to Ca. with my parents. Please.... I'm 50 yrs old. Don't make me lose all that I have established and accomplished on this island. I've paid my dues and have earned the right to live here and this affordable housing is the key to my success. Please continue to allow Front St. Apartments to be "Affordable" indefinitely. I beg of you. Mahalo, Michelle

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Britt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help keep Front Street Apartments affordable indefinitely. Matthew Britt

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Front Street Apts has lost its' affordable status. Over 300 residents w/families, disabled, seniors & many low income taxpayers have no place to move to & who cannot pay the higher, often doubled rents. Please help us find a way to return status to affordable in perpetuity. Sincerely, Nancy A Silva, 822 Kenui Circle, Lahaina, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberley Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE ensure that Front Street Apartments remain "affordable" in perpetuity. Many families and individuals can only live on Maui because the complex is low-cost, subsidized housing. Many will end up homeless and the cost of public assistance to help them will be more costly to the county and state than the subsidies for the affordable housing.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ace Green, Son of Evette Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha to you who are reading this now. Thank you for taking a moment to hear me out. My name is Ace Green. I am 12. I am frightened by the thought of losing our home because the rent will double and price us out of our home. My parents have tried to give me a wonderful life here at Front St. Apts. I have lived here my whole life and have fond memories of the events my parents have had for the entire complex. It is a community not a housing site. I have friends and family who live here and they are also worried. I have a learning disability and because my Mom and Dad can afford to live here, they have made my life better by home schooling me and giving me the best chance at life. If you vote in favor of these two bills I think that when you go to bed that night you should know, in your heart, that you are a superhero in my eyes. And you won't be saving just my family but the entire community here at Front St. Apts. Thank you very much, Ace Green

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Denise L Martinez	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cambria Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting this bill. We are a young family of four. My husband and I both work on the west side. By living in Front Street Apartments as an affordable housing, we are able to actual live by our work places (hotels) and care for our young children. Our wages do not match the market value and we will be forced to move elsewhere, either across island adding to more traffic problems or off island which we would prefer not to. Please keep Front Street Apartments affordable.

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Ralph Yanagawa	Individual	Support	No

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kai nishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please save these apartments!

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Subject: Tuesday 2-7-2017 This is MY TESTIMONY-SUPPORT FOR BILLS:(SB1266)(HB1553) Front Street Apartments Lahaina 96761

Importance: High

Aloha, This is MY TESTIMONY-SUPPORT FOR BILLS:(SB1266)(HB1553) [For:Front Street Apartments to remain affordable indefinitely.]

I leased my 1BR/1BA unfurnished apartment at Front Street Apts.in May 2006 & my monthly rent in the last 10 years has increased by 60%. Average of 6% per year. This is now a little over 1/2 of my monthly Retirement Social Security Income to date & with no cost of living allowance for 2015 & '16, for 2017 my: COLA allowance is:(0.3%) \$4.66 rounded up by S.S. to \$5. per month or \$60. per year.

If Front Street Apts. is allowed to be removed from their: Affordable Housing Program; at current HUD rental rates for Maui, my monthly rent would double & be more than my monthly SS income.
The USA Conforming Mortgage Guidelines are that your housing cost should be no more than 25% of your annual gross income.

I'm 78 yrs old & I have been a resident of Maui since APRIL/1984 & I'm a US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS VETERAN. I have planed to spend my remaining life time on Maui. My F.S.A. address is:[1104 Kenai Circle, Lahaina, HI 96761-2354]

Mahalo & Aloha,
Ray M Rogers Phone: 808 662-0022 Email: rayrogers.onmaui@hawaiiantel.net

PS:Senator Roz Baker: Mahalo. I still have & use my: Roz Baker for State Senator
4 3/4" wide red round rubber bottle cap gripper/opener.
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natalie	Individual	Support	No

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Kathryn Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the efforts to keep Front St Apartments as affordable housing.

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Shannon Manibog	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Brooking	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My concern today is for the lower income locals who currently live at Front Street Apartments. I personally know one family and one single person there who could be looking at homelessness if forced to move out. These are people who have no other options. It's not as if the County is overflowing with affordable housing opportunities. We are already in a crisis and I respectfully urge you to TAKE ACTION and address this shameful situation as the emergency that it is. The people of Hawaii depend on you to be their advocates and not allow big money, outside money, to run roughshod over them. Mahalo.

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RE: Bills SB1266 and HB 1553

Dear Legislators:

I have been a responsible resident of Front Street Apartments since 2005. My rent is \$1,161 for a 2 bedroom 2 bath unit. In the 12 years I have lived there, I have fulfilled my financial obligations despite it being very difficult to do so for several years after the 2008 recession. Although I have recovered and am now able to pay my rent comfortably, I would not be able to afford "market rate" rents estimated at around double my current rent.

Until the sale of FSA, I was contented with the idea of being a life-long renter, especially considering the price to buy a home here has also been out of reach for me. Fortunately, the announcements of the Makila Kai and Kahoma Village developments have given me a little hope that I may be able to own a decent home on Maui after all, and this news about FSA has been the catalyst for me to take more serious steps toward buying a home.

However, for many of my neighbors, homeownership is still not an option and neither is finding another affordable rental because there just aren't any left in West Maui (they're all full or have long waitlists)! There are families, the elderly, and those who are disabled who will be forced to crowd into extended families' homes or otherwise join the ever-growing homeless population.

There are so many who need affordable rental homes. For some, it will allow them to save up for homeownership. For others, it has and will be all they can afford for generations. As limited as affordable housing already is, it is so upsetting to know that there are those who would take any of it away for the sake of greed. Please pass bills SB1266, HB 1553 and any future efforts to keep Front Street Apartments affordable in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Tara-Lynn Kahaialii

703 Kenai Circle

Lahaina, HI 96761

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Peter Power	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill i have lived on Maui for 29 years and still cannot afford to purchase property. i have lived at front st. apts with my wife and children since it opened and will not be able make my rent if prices increase.Affordable housing is really needed here for familys in the service industry. I own a small cabinet shop on the west side and with the shop rent and electric as well as rent at our apt. we as a family are barely able to make rent with the prices as they are. An increase will put us under. Thanks for your consideration on this matter vote in support of sb1266

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jami Power	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Affordable housing for Front Street Apartments in Lahaina should remain as such, affordable. When permits are allotted to developers because affordable housing is promised, it should remain as such indefinitely. This protects the interests of the renters some of which will be rendered homeless if this bill does not pass. Also what kind of precedence is set taking advantage of the county and state during the permitting process by developers, if they can change their minds later. Thank you, Jami Power 808-661-1704

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Jennifer Mather and I currently reside in Lahaina on the West Side of Maui. I support the preservation of the affordability of the Front Street apartments. Without these apartments being kept affordable in perpetuity for our low-income community members, West Maui will see an epidemic rise in homelessness and our already taxed affordable housing (what little we currently have) will be negligible. Those of us who have found something that we can afford but still takes up 60%+++ of our monthly income, will find our own rents raised as the demand grows greater. We, ourselves, will be forced into homelessness or made to leave the area or even the state. As a Kanaka Maoli this is a bleak, and yet very real, outlook. Humbly submitted in support of the State of Hawaii acquiring and using the Front Street apartments as low-income housing in perpetuity for the residents of Maui County. Jennifer Mather 441 Dickenson Street Lahaina, HI 96761

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Michele Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Facing the possibility of homelessness is terrifying. Rental increases of the Front Street Apartments will displace residents causing homelessness and oppression. The cost to the community will be great financially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are connected and this issue affects us all. I witnessed a Christmas gathering attended by the residents of that apartment complex. I was hoping to rally them to fight for there homes and see if I could be of help to them regarding there situation. What I found were elderly folks enjoying the food and fellowship, families laughing and playing, children telling "Santa Clause" what they wanted for Christmas. I didn't have the heart to even bring up the subject. I realized these people are in need of champions. They are struggling with the efforts of daily existence and the challenges that life brings. You can be there champion! It is within your purview to do what is right. Keep this property affordable in perpetuity. Community land trust concepts could be a viable alternative. Habitat for Humanity and Na Hale O Maui could be included in the affordable home ownership on leasehold property. Thank you for doing your part in protecting homes that are greatly needed. Thank

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Ratna Heilscher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony by Ratna Heilscher
Tenant at Front Street Apt.
Email:ratnasukaryo@hotmail.com

Aloha from Maui.

My name is Ratna Sukaryo. My family live at Front Street Apartment. Both my husband and I are working as Educational Assistant at King Kamehameha III Elementary School. We have one child who goes to Lahainaluna High School as a nine grader and doing very well with his grade. There is a serious shortage of affordable rentals in West Maui. We have live in Front Street Apartment for 14 years and we really can't afford to live anywhere else. Please keep Front Street Apartment affordable.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey Shultz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a single mother raising two children without any welfare help. I have worked in the same dental office for 20+ years and given back to our community whenever I can. This apartment complex has given us not just a affordable place to live, but a community/family of amazing hard working people. I don't really know what will happen to all of us if this complex goes to market rates. Many people will be homeless!! WEST MAUI NEEDS MORE REAL affordable housing for working people. Average people CAN'T afford the LOW INCOME housing to purchase. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. MAHALO!

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Tom Tran	Individual	Support	No

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Sergio Serna	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please allow front street apartments to remain affordable

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Mai Vu-Tran	Individual	Support	No

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Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Elizabeth Clapper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help to save our affordable housing at Front Street Apartments in Lahaina. I am a single mother who relies heavily on the lower rent to raise my kids and have a safe place to live. We have been here for 8 years and are so grateful and happy here. There are many families here and elderly people who will be forced to move out if the rents are raised. Many, like myself, cannot afford market rates and may end up homeless. This housing is so important for our community and needs to continue. Thank you, Elizabeth Clapper

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Joseph T. X. Vu	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Massa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many Families live in this Complex who rely on it being an Affordable dwelling. Woman and children, elderly, disabled, dying, Babies too. People who make this community. Please help these people and vote this bill through. The Front Street Apartments were originally set up to give back to the community. What has changed in the past fifteen years I can not fathom. But what ever has changed is a terrible tragedy and needs to be corrected.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mariana Landeros	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a single mother that has lives at Front Street Apartments since it first open over 15 years ago, when we moved here my son was only 8 months old, this is the only place he has called home, he is now 16 years old. I can't explain how stress I am that we probably won't have a home in couple years., at what the rent prices are right now we'll probably end up homeless.He will be graduating from Lahainaluna in two years,I want him to pursue a college degree not have to worry that his mom is living on the street. FRONT STREET APARTMENTS NEED TO REMAIN AFFORDABLE INDEFINITELY.

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Marialejandra Pocaterra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Many of us Front Street Apartments renters are hard working families with bottom incomes I myself, live on Maui since 2003 I am a single mom of a 5 year old, survivor of domestic violence, managing two jobs to have meets ends because my child's father resfuses to help raised his kid. Between the Goverment help and my income I have been able to support my child by myself for five years, having the opportunity to live here at Front Street Apartments where my son loves to play with his neighbors friends at the playground, where the Elementary School is at the end of Front Street, here where we live a good quality life, safe with dignity, solidarity and a brighter future was possible until now..suddenly this future was shatter to pieces, my son notice the stress that this situation cause to me and he is on distress repeting me "please mommy I dont want to move out, I want to goto school with my friends" ...It breaks my heart and shadows his future with the sole thought of having to move out with my child sets the fear that We may even have to be homeless if the current plan comes to fruition.

The households of this complex are either famiies with young kids or senior adults, some dissable who are not able to pay a higer rent, many of us live here for five, fifteen years or more. I appeal to the common sense of all decision makers to please help us by respecting our seniority maintaining our current rent and homes as it is now ,in perpetuity for the future generations, in my case this is the maximun I can afford. I understand busines is busines, but we are dealing with people's lives here.

Can we please do this together?, can we agree and work as a team on a solution that is viable and we all win by finding a happy medium for all and forever, affordable housing Is a priority and an issue that affect us all at many levels, individualy, socially and moraly, our dignitty as a person and right to be happy can not be taken lightly, your decision will have a ripple effect on all of us west Maui residents , and ultimatly our children and disperse families are the ones who will suffer the consecuenes. Malama Pono, do what is right.

Lets keep our Values possitive , because our Values becomes our Destiny in gratitude and respect for each other lives.

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gabriel manriquez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: we are young couple who were born here on the islands, we are a young married couple married for 4 years with a beautiful family of 4, a 3year old boy and 1year old daughter. seeking anything nearly affordable is not only extremely hard but extremely competitive. please help, we are very hard working and pay our taxes we just wish for this kind of mentality regarding "vacation rentals" come to balance, its clearly imbalanced. please help keep front st. apts remain affordable and bring more affordable options to hawaii. mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Solomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of SB1266. Currently we have a huge lack of affordable housing on Maui. In addition many residents, including myself, are having a difficult time making ends meet financially. Many native Hawaiians have had to move to the mainland because they cannot afford to live here anymore. We need help to have access to affordable housing. This bill gives state funding to purchase Front St. Apartments and keep them affordable. Please support this bill. Also, please approve language which would keep these apartments affordable in perpetuity. Mahalo, Paul Solomon

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stan franco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that, when government funding or tax credits are used for a housing project, that project should be affordable long term (50 or more years). Otherwise, we will continue to have affordable housing projects going to market like Front Street Apartments. I support this legislation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronda Pali	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments:

February 8, 2017

Aloha Committee,

I am a fourth-year resident of Front Street Apartments. I was blessed with this place to live after renting from several other private landlords. I am disabled, with a limited income. I also have a service animal which makes housing even more challenging.

Affordable housing in West Maui is scarce, if at all possible to find. Most residences which are advertised at an affordable rate in this area do not include private baths and usually no kitchen or appliances. Realty agencies which advertise rentals (South Shore Realty, for example) also state boldly in their ads that they do not accept HUD. So, besides sub-standard options being offered as top-dollar rentals, housing discrimination is also alive and thriving in West Maui.

Before I became disabled in 2010, I was a professional hairdresser and business owner. Even with a reasonable income, we had to live in shared housing. The low-income options that we explored were also unfriendly toward my service animal and often required strict qualifications. Honokowai Villas turned us down because my son (who lives in Oregon) MIGHT return home, and so had to be included in our household. This put us over the occupancy limit.

I was also offered an apartment at the complex behind Na Hale 'o Wainee in Lahaina. After proving my existence through a strict intake process including multiple trips to Wailuku, I was waiting to receive my new lease and keys. When they did not arrive, I inquired and was informed that my co-signer didn't have a good enough credit score. There was no official notification.

As a 9-year volunteer for The Salvation Army in Lahaina, I can attest: People who experience housing crisis often become desperate as they strive to keep important documents at hand and food in their bodies. I was once one of these with keiki in tow. We had to rely on agencies like TSA, Na Hale 'o Wainee, Family Life Center and The Maui Food Bank to meet our basic needs.

I cannot express what it has meant to me to live in a clean, safe, and well managed apartment. I am able to focus on rehabilitation.

My current HUD subsidy only protects me partially from these imminent rent increases. I will be forced to pay the difference once the market rent for my apartment exceeds the HUD maximum payment.

Poverty is increased when affordable housing is decreased. Our community is suffering a housing shortage, and particularly in need of affordable housing. The high cost of housing is creating advanced poverty situations in Lahaina.

Please stop the rent increases at Front Street Apartments until a complete research finding on Housing and Poverty in West Maui is submitted and presented for public approval. Without a minimum standard of housing for our residents, what hope is there for us?

Malama Pono

With Sincere Concern,

Ronda Colleen Pali

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Marlene Uesugi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LARA TAAMU	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: aloha My name is Lara Taamu and I am very grateful to have lived at Front St Apt since 2003. I have raised 4 children as a single parent since 2013, ages 22, 19, 14 and 12. I have received less than \$500 in child support since the divorce and am the sole provider. My income 2016 was \$24,500. I do not receive HUD assistance because their list has been closed for years and I am currently attempting to apply for housing assistance. I have not had a car since the divorce 2013 and i am able to support and provide for my family because of Front St Apt's affordable rent and location in central Lahania town that allows me to walk to work and walk all groceries home. Currently, I am not able to afford a car or any increase in rent, I currently pay \$949 for a two bedrooms. My goal is to maintain residency at this location so that my youngest child can graduate from Lahainaluna HS as his older siblings have. This is the only residence my children have known and raising the children in this neighborhood has allowed them to be safe and have the experience of trusting neighbors and security that eludes a family after a divorce and absent father. I have been able to have my children experience the security of their home because this unit is affordable and although i can not afford a car I have been able to afford the rent at \$949. An increase in rent will force my two sons and I to move into a studio apt. and I am not prepared to describe the hardships that would create. My two sons (8th and 6th grade) are honor straight A students. The stress of losing the only home they know will affect their future. My sons are so happy to be in their home that when i entered a contest to win a million dollars, my youngest said to me "if we win can we still live here". With him telling me he wouldn't want to leave even if we could afford a house makes me see how wonderful this home is to my child. Please ensure that families like mine can maintain this sense of security and pride without the fears of low income. Thank You very much for allowing me to share my experience as a long time tenant of Front St Apt. Mahalo - Lara Taamu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jack a holmes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: hello, my name is jack holmes, resident at front st apartments in lahaina for 4 years. i moved here because it was affordable housing and i was accepted here in a one bedroom. i work full time in lahaina, and dont know where i would live and where i can afford. My hopes for everyone that lives here now is that this property will stay affordable housing. And we also need more affordable housing for other families. thank you for your concern. mahalo and aloha jack holmes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
walter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha and Greetings from Lahaina: My name is Walter Jones. I am a tenant at Front Street Apartments (#801). My current rent is one-half of my retirement income. Another rent increase will force me to leave Maui. We, the Front Street residents, serve the west Maui tourism economy, our county and our state. I believe, the long-term personal, active business, tourist support, and community support contributions of Front Street residents are more valuable to you, our elected representatives, and our state economy, than the short-term market driven forces at hand. I support the Maui economy by providing care for my 99-year old mother, and two grandchildren. My daughter could not work and serve the west Maui community without my help. I am just one of hundreds of Front Street residents who serve the Maui economy! Let your council be remembered for both compassion and long-term business sense by helping preserve and protect your personal investment and the people here at Front Street! Walter Jones, resident Front Street Apartments, #801, Lahaina, HI 96761

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Melissa Ingram	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am asking for your help to please keep Front Street Apartments affordable indefinitely! There are so many of us who work full times jobs just to barley get buy. If this does not stay affordable there will be many unfortunate families homeless, including myself! Please help us keep our homes and families together! Mahalo for your time Melissa Ingram resident of Front Street Apartments

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Interesting to see the different perspectives regarding "affordable" How confusing that two "affordable housing projects" are slated and/or in process in Lahaina area: Kahoma Village on Front Street in Lahaina and Makila Kai in Launiupoko. Please note that neither of these two projects offer rental units, only "for sale" housing. Taking a quote directly from promo to buy: "permitting for the new 'affordable projects' prohibit short term rentals and the owners have come together to provide "real affordable housing to our...friends and neighbors." I would like to attempt to clarify this quote. Senior citizens on a limited income living at Front Street Apartments, are wondering how we can qualify for the one of the two new "affordable projects". This is important why? Because those of us who live in the 142 unit complex of Front Street Apartments are going to be forced to move out on August 2019, when the owners find that they are no longer required to offer "affordable housing" to the folks who live here including over 300 working class families with children doing well in Lahaina schools, disabled, seniors on fixed incomes and just low income folks with "no west side affordable tenancy options". So, the question in our minds is how do we qualify to PURCHASE one of the new "affordable units"? What would it take for us to qualify for a loan for an "affordable unit"? Would a financial institution even consider us for a loan so that we could purchase say a low end \$251,580 unit? What would the down payment be for such a loan; should we assume it would be 10 percent down, or \$25,158? Would we low income tenants have \$25,158 in savings that we could use as a down payment? Would you know any private party who would: 1) lend us the down payment of \$25,158 AND cosign for us on a 20 year mortgage for the remainder of \$226,422 plus interest at the current market rate for a "fixed" loan? So if you knowledgeable government officials could please support and pass SB 1266 and HB 1533, with your support I, a senior citizen, may finish the sunset of my life at Front Street Affordable Apartments. Mahalo for your concern, Chi P. Guyer (apt.#821)

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Our manager at front street apartments, Lahaina, Randi Arebaugh, (rarebaugh@cirrusami.com) (808 870 4920) has informed me that end of august 2019, the front street apartments will no longer be categorized as "affordable units, tax credit" as the owners have fulfilled their contractual responsibilities and have been released by the State as of 8/2016 so they can offer new vacancies of one bedroom units at the fair market rate of \$1,400/month plus tax. and, apparently, this rate can continue to rise based upon the "fair market rate". the current tenants will be grandfathered in as they are presently contracted including HUD participants until august 2019. the original contract was for the complex to become "affordable housing" for the next 50 years when the complex was built in 2001. is there any way to help us keep that status as affordable housing on the West Side of Maui is in extremely short supply? (offering contract for sale attached) The pressing question of the 142 apartment tenants is "what rights do tenants have in a situation such as this; and is it possible to help we existing tenants to continue at our present monthly rates so that the owners can still rent vacant apartments at whatever rate the market will bear?" many of us (families, seniors, single folks, etc.) have lived here for a long time and are on a limited income (some since the complex opened in 2001). if there is any way in which you can assist us, please let me know as this is a very heavy subject for low income folks like myself as the issue becomes "where can we move from here? or are we going to become homeless"? sincerely and mahalo for listening, chi pilialoha guyer, tenant 821 kenui circle, front street apartments lahaina, HI 96761

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: aloha, please help save front street apartments in lahaina as "affordable" housing as the 142 units affect families with children, seniors, disabled and generally low income folks with no place to relocate. thanks, chi pilialoha guyer

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ATTENTION HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERN----- Maui County Council Resolution # 17178

Dear sir,

I am writing in regards to saving the affordable housing project of the FRONT STREET APARTMENTS. We here at the complex have been anxiously trying to save our homes for quite some time now. There have been two bills one house and one senate that have been permanently deferred HB1553 and SB1266. With SUPPORTIVE testimonies given to both from many residents. We have tried hard to keep together in this fight to save our homes. Unfortunately due to the bills being deferred and the long duration many people are loosing hope. Tenants have been verbally warned against soliciting any information on the property to save their home by threatening eviction. By request of the owner. The landlord was observed taking pictures of an elderly tenant while passing out flyers and verbally warned. We live in America and our right to assemble is a threat to our home. Due to the lengthy duration and threats to our homes. I have seen it upon myself to submit the past testimonies of the tenants who have all supported the saving of the FRONT STREET APARTMENTS. People are becoming discouraged and fearful of the situation and I urge you to help them.

Enclosed to this email are the testimonies in PDF format. Please use them at the next Friday meeting on 12-1-2017 Maui County Council Resolution # 17178.....

I and the tenants of Front Street Apartments SINCERELY THANK YOU !!!

John Massa

PS. DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE PDF FILES I HAD TO SEND 2 EMAILS !!!

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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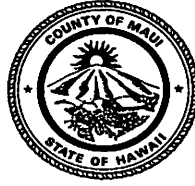
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In consideration of
S.B. 1266, S.D. 1
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The HHFDC ***supports the intent*** of S.B. 1266, S.D. 1, which directs the HHFDC to initiate negotiations to preserve Front Street Apartments in Lahaina, Maui, as affordable rental housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this measure.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
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February 27, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
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SB1266 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT OF SB1266.**

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) or any entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support this bill for the following reasons:

- The current residents of the apartments are comprised of below 60% & below 50% of the Area Median Income for Maui County. Some are disabled and/or elderly. They represent our most vulnerable population.
- Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025. There are very little affordable rental options in Maui County. If the current residents were to lose their units, there are virtually no other affordable rental units for them to move to. Many could become homeless.
- Maui County has a limited number of shelters which are typically at full capacity. There is no adequate shelter space to accommodate displaced residents of the Front Street Apartment project.

We are hopeful that the State will be able to negotiate to acquire the property so that the 142 very low income individuals and families are able to remain in their units.

I urge you to strongly support SB1266. **Please change the date on page 3 line 13, page 5 line 7, and page 6 line 1 from 2027 to 2051**

Sincerely,

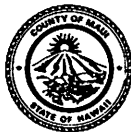
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TO: Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember 

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 1266 S.D. 1, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to direct HHFDC or any appropriate entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. There is a critical shortage of affordable rentals and properties for sale in Maui County. The Front Street Apartments consisting of 142 units housing 250 residents was developed under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program with the intent of remaining affordable for 50 years.
2. The residents are comprised of below 60% and below 50% of the area median income and removing these units from affordability because of a loophole creates a severe hardship for the residents, leaving them with no prospects of other affordable rentals to move to.
3. The stark reality of homelessness affects the entire State. Maui too is facing a growing level of homelessness due to the lack of affordable rentals. The residents of the Front Street Apartments are facing the very possibility of being on the streets and with the critical shortage of bed space available in our shelters, Maui isn't equipped to adequately accommodate any displaced residents of the Front Street Apartments.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nancy silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support front street apartment complex remaining affordable. nancy silva, tenant, no. 822 kenai circle, lahaina, HI

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mike tuttle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Please help save front street apartment complex affordability status, Mike Tuttle, tenant front street apartments, Lahaina, Maui".

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helen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Again I would like to have a minute or two of your attention to hear my personal plea to help save Front Street Apts as an affordable complex for the elderly, disabled and low income person as myself. The above statement just about says it all but I would like to take it to another level. Currently I have been diagnosed with renal end stage disease (kidney failure). To have the quality of life, I go to dialysis for treatment three times a week whereby I am connected to a machine that clean my blood of toxins. I am able to keep all of my appointment weekly because transportation to and from the dialysis center is taken care of by MEO bus system....they pick up at my front door. Picture this....it would be near impossible to keep dialyzing if I were living on the streets somewhere on Maui because my home had been compromised and I am unable to pay the higher rent. What is a 75 year old lady living alone without any outside assistance financially or medically to do to sustain the quality of life?? My thought of solution is simple...KEEP FSA as AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I wouldn't have to be "pushed" out of my home due to increased rent that I can't meet resulting in having no other place to move to other than abandoned homes or the streets of Maui. Nice thought, eh?? My hope and prayer is that our elected Council Members, members of Hawaii's House and Senate will hear my plea and be the fighting champion to keep my quality of life as promised. Thank you for listening to a kupuna, reared on Molokai by immigrant father from Okinawa and mother born and reared in Kohala, HI.....helen bullion/FSA apt 802

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chi guyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please keep front street apartments complex in lahaina affordable. tenant

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walter jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and Greetings from Lahaina: My name is Walter Jones. I am a tenant at Front Street Apartments (#801). My current rent is one-half of my retirement income. Another rent increase will force me to leave Maui. We, the Front Street residents, serve the west Maui tourism economy, our county and our state. I believe, the long-term personal, active business, tourist support, and community support contributions of Front Street residents are more valuable to you, our elected representatives, and our state economy, than the short-term market driven forces at hand. I support the Maui economy by providing care for my 99-year old mother, and two grandchildren. My daughter could not work and serve the west Maui community without my help. I am just one of hundreds of Front Street residents who serve the Maui economy! Let your council be remembered for both compassion and long-term business sense by helping preserve and protect your personal investment and the people here at Front Street! Walter Jones, resident Front Street Apartments, #801, Lahaina, HI 96761

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Testimony by Ratna Heilscher
Tenant at Front Street Apt.
Email:ratnasukaryo@hotmail.com

Aloha from Maui.

My name is Ratna Heilscher. My family live at Front Street Apartment. Both my husband and I are working as Educational Assistant at King Kamehameha III Elementary School. We have one child who goes to Lahainaluna High School as a nine grader and doing very well with his grade. There is a serious shortage of affordable rentals in West Maui. We have live in Front Street Apartment for 14 years and we really can't afford to live anywhere else. Please keep Front Street Apartment affordable.

Thank you.

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sharon serafica	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TESTIMONY IN REGARD TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BILLS: SB1266 AND HB1533 My name is Sharon Serafica. I have lived at Front Street Apartments for over 12 years. I have lived in Hawaii almost 20 years. Before retirement three years ago, I was a pre-school teacher at Holy Innocents Church, working closely with Kam III helping children with special needs. I moved into Front Street Apartments (FSA) as a single working adult. For nine years I lived in a one bedroom apartment until I met my husband. We were married in 2010. My husband, Billy, was in construction - building pools. He has lived in Hawaii almost 30 years. When construction slowed down he started up a "Handy Man" business. The cost of insurances, taxes, health insurance and business expenses are great. With my Social Security pension, doing bookkeeping ourselves, and "affordable housing" we are able to make ends meet. My sister, Carla, recovering from an organ transplant, came to live with us to enjoy Hawaii's beautiful weather and friendly people. We all transferred to a two bedroom apartment. One year ago, my granddaughter at 24 became pregnant and gave birth fo a healthy girl. A month after birth she was diagnosed with severe post- partum depression. She was unable to leave her apartment. She could not take care of her daughter. Baby Sage came to live with us. My granddaughter lost her jobs and apartment. She became homeless. The demands of a small infant became too much on the health of my sister. She moved back to Texas to live with her daughter. Mr granddaughter moved in with us four months ago. She is recovering and Sage, now 13 months old, and her are bonding. She is back in the work force and planning for the future. Without "Affordable Housing" my story would have had a completely different outcome! Front Street Apartments is a family community. We all look out for each other in need and deed: a ride to the store or doctor, babysitting, a warm meal for a sick neighbor, a couple of quarters when short for laundry, a visit to a disabled shut-in and a lot of emotional support. Our manager, Randi, runs a tight ship with family "Number One". We are a quiet, clean and respectable community. We are proud of our diversity. My great granddaughter, Sage, is learning Vietnamese from our downstairs neighbors. We have pot luck and movie nights, visits from Santa, and engage in fundraisers for our local schools and charities. Sharon Serafica, apt. no. 1224, FSA Please help us keep our family together.

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Anna Barbeau	Front St. Affordable Apts. Committee	Support	No

Comments: Lahaina suffers from a growing homeless population, the majority being sent to Hawaii on a 1-way airline fare. Our Social Services System (which we Hawaii residents have long paid into) is painfully distressed. The 250-300 tenants of Front Street Affordable Housing face homelessness as well, contrary the 50 yr. term of AFFORDABILITY set @ time of occupancy. We working, voting, tax-paying, contributing citizens of Hawaii request of our Government to PASS SB1266 (w/2 attachments). Please support your constituents by passing these Bills. Mahalo, A.M.Barbeau/Co-President of the Committee for Front St. AFFORDABLE Apartments

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kathy miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please keep front street apartment complex in lahaina as affordable housing. a very concerned lahaina area taxpayer, Kathy miller

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ginger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please be so kind as to support both HB1553 and SB 1266 to keep front street apartment complex in lahaina affordable. mahalo nui loa, lahaina resident ginger

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IN REGARD TO S.B. NO. 1266

Testimony by Barbara J. Henny, 1802 Kenui Place, Front Street Apartments, Lahaina.

There has been a travesty of justice and a betrayal of people's rights taken to remove our Affordable Income housing late last year during a private meeting of the MCC. Information regarding the outcome of this meeting was delayed and never officially conveyed to residents, who have faithfully committed to their contracts after months/sometimes years of vetted certification for qualification.

Both the Bills referenced attest to what is known. Hopefully copies are available for all to read and digest. I am no lawyer but it is markedly clear that options can be made available.

An investigation needs to be initiated on what transpired and why the State could not fulfill its obligations to provide extra funding, even under advisement? from the Maui County Council. Homelessness on these islands is a horrific issue and negating the Affordable Housing program in buildings where they were available and promised to the people of the island will only exacerbate this problem. It is not only the problem of people coming to these islands on a oneway ticket but those decent, responsible, hardworking folks who live and work here.

Perhaps we can obtain a transcript on the backroom proceedings of these meetings Akaku TV provides some accounts of the general Council meetings, but not of that private transaction.

We, the people at Front Street Apartments, are diverse in all socio-economic

backgrounds but conscientious. dignified and respectful. It is a safe haven, well managed by compassionate and experienced personnel. Not all of us are eloquent in our presentations, not all of us are computer literate or able to communicate well, but we are all humans with our basic needs of appropriate housing and care.

A survey conducted reveals adult resident age groups from 25 - 70+ as well as families with babies, toddlers and school age children. Do you want me (at 70) and others to be camping on the street? The waitlists for affordable housing vary from 5-8 years and already lists are overflowing for available places in all locations of the island. How in God's name do you think we can move our humble possessions to another location? Not everyone has transportation (e.g. cars) - I don't. I at least can still walk to a bus stop or to the store but many are confined only to their abodes. The new Kahoma development across the road (Kenui Street) is under construction and there is no shelter available there, also no affordable rentals. There used to be access for the homeless. Are you willing to see old folk and families on the streets of Lahaina?

Whilst I and others are writing in good faith, we have not been advised of the (anonymous) new "owner's" name - we are at his and his corporation's mercy. Just like the old feudal lords in England and the plantation owners here, whose names we all recognise, and who took over our lands for their profit.

Please, we implore you to have compassion and mercy on our situation. There are many families whose children attend school, many elderly who have come here for their final years, some are completely alone, and there are disabled persons (for whom many apartments were constructed to enable some mobility). Do not forget those who are already emotionally disabled because of past circumstances and upset at knowing their lives could end within two years - how can anyone give up their only "home" and sentimental possessions to move, whoever knows where. Will anyone help with relocation?

Being on fixed income - in my case social security and a small pension, cannot cover this pending expenditure. At 70 years of age, after having been a proud, independent, professional woman but disadvantaged because of personal and financial circumstances, I am facing the prospect of losing everything yet again, after eviction from my home in New York of 20 years in 2008, because of

overwhelming medical costs in New York. My story is only one of many.

Reconsideration of these Acts must be investigated and initiated with respect to all, and efforts to keep the people informed be effected immediately.

There is corruption, incompetence, divisiveness in our County Council and I and others will continue to pursue what transpired, those who were involved and also request why no notification until the "joyous" time of Christmas. We need to be informed about this transaction with the Hawaiian State legislature, the Mayors, and especially the Maui County Council, (some of whose members were elected to their positions by the people) and even overlapping to the home of our Government in Oahu.

Our lives, which will probably be short lived, and well being. are at stake.

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Barbara Henny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: tESTIMONY FROM James R. Purchase, Apt 1701, Front Street Apartments. ALOHA! i AM SUBMITTING TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBOR WHO HAS NO ACCESS TO A COMPUTER. His identity and location may be verified. "I am on a fixed income, just lost my wife of 42 years. I cannot afford to move as was told upon move in a 50 years lease was in contract. I feel the County is adding to an already out of control homeless problem. All this is for one reason. Greed, greed Thank you for hearing me"

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E. Wayne Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was sad to hear that where I have lived since the summer, Front Street Apartments, has been sold, and that I, and the other many individuals and families who live here, will have to move. I had never heard about this until it was evidently a done deal. I am a 66 year old disabled veteran, and was so grateful to move here to Front Street Apartments last summer and as a Hawaii resident, hoping to live out my life here. The thought of moving, or being homeless again is daunting. I try not to think about it, but it is impossible to forget the scariness, and humiliation of not having a home. Even the thought of packing up at my age, losing my new found security, leaving familiar surroundings, and trying to find a home is unimaginable for me, as it must be for other individuals and families here. I am not even sure I have another move left in me. If so many of us have to leave, there might not be enough available places to live in our small town, and perhaps landlords hearing of so many desperate Front Street refugees needing places would see an opportunity to rent gouge. I looked on the web for information, and found only one little PDF, but I am not good with computers. In that PDF was stated "the buyer must continue to operate the low-income portion of the building as "a qualified low-income building in accordance with the IRC." I'm not sure what that means, but it seems that the original intent, was to keep it affordable low income housing? Every morning, I see the children heading off to school, and feel so sad for them. Some of their demeanours seem to have changed since this news broke, and I can't help wonder what effect it might be having on them personally, and how their family life is affected because of this. We are all so grateful to have our little community, but now people are scared. All this is why I am supporting SB 1266. Please, for the sake of the children, families, elderly, disabled, health challenged people, and for people getting back on their feet after unfortunate life events, help us. Sincerely, Ernie Johnson

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robin t. sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Robin T. Sullivan. I am a disabled Senior Citizen and a grateful tenant at Front St. Affordable Apts. in Lahaina. As a voting, tax-paying Hawaii resident for 20 yrs., I ask your support of SB 1266 so the almost 300 tenants here may remain as tenants per our original move in contract, or, for the future good of Maui, keep this complex Affordable in perpetuity. We all are traumatized here as we face homelessness. I feel assured our Government will protect us, your constituents. Mahalo for your concern for us.

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CSpellman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Carmie Spellman. I moved into the Front Street Apartments (FSA) in 2011. I am requesting you support for SB1266 SD1. I have been living in Maui on and off since the 70's living between Alaska and Hawaii. I have been permanently disabled now for approximately 10 years and cannot work. I have Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and resultant Anterograde Amnesia. In my lifetime, I have worked hard and volunteered to multiple community and national events. I have worked for Congress, State Senate and State House in Alaska plus Legislative Affairs and Chamber of Commerce. I owned my own International Company for 10.5 years. I was successful and loved working. But now in my Golden Years, I wake up in the middle of the night crying because I am worried about homelessness due to this unforeseen tragedy. Nobody plans for misfortune. Now it is worse as I in 2.5 years I will have nowhere to live. It is a horrible feeling as I spent a good deal of time looking for my forever home. I feel deceived by FSA. Worse yet my shelter based needs are causing me undue duress because it is slipping away. When I moved in here I mentioned repeatedly how important this move was to me and I was not moving again for all the right reasons. I did my research and it was clearly stated in writing that this place has a 50 year Affordable Housing Contract. SB1266 SD1 is critical to Maui County's residents in Lahaina, West Maui. The homeless situation here in W. Maui is gigantic an overwhelming bogging down social services. In fact, the Front Street Apartments is probably one of the only places that facilitate HUD recipients not only on the West Side but the entire Island! FSA was built in 2001 with a 50 year Affordable Housing term contract to expire 2051. This specific project is intended for certain price point recipients where they accepted and administered the Voucher 8 Program via HUD. Residents of FSA are limited income groups of hard-working class individuals, families, retirees all on fixed incomes, permanently disabled, Hospice patents, Elderly, each with their own hardships. We already HAVE this needed complex in perfect working form. Fix this horrendous error help us find a solution while there is time. I appeal to you. Thank you for your time and understanding of this situation. Please help us we have nowhere to go. One last thing, think about how in the last 4 years 30,000 Hawaiians have moved from the West Maui area to the Mainland as they cannot afford to live in Hawaii. This is untenable. Your help is greatly appreciated! Mahalo Nui Loa. Carmie Spellman, FSA

Resident.

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maria lehandra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Many of us Front Street Apartments renters are hard working families with bottom incomes I myself, live on Maui since 2003 I am a single mom of a 5 year old and Domestic Violence Survivor, managing two jobs to have meets ends because my child's father refuses to help raised his kid. Between the Government help and my income I have been able to support my child by myself for five years, having the opportunity to live here at Front Street Apartments where my son loves to play with his neighbors friends at the playground, where the Elementary School is at the end of Front Street ,here where we live a good quality life, safe with dignity, solidarity and a brighter future was possible until now..suddenly this future was shatter to pieces, my son notice the stress that this situation cause to me and he is on distress also repeting me "please mommy I don't want to move out, I want to go to school with my friends"...if we move out we will have to change the school too.....It breaks my heart and shadows his future with the sole thought of having to move out with my child sets the fear that We may even have to become homeless if the current plan comes to fruition. The households of this complex are either families with young kids or senior adults, some disabled who are not able to pay a higher rent, many of us live here for five, fifteen years or more. I appeal to the common sense of all decision makers to please help us by respecting our seniority maintaining our current rent and homes as it is now Affordable. Permantly, in perpetuity for the future generations of Hawaii, in my case this is the maximum I can afford. I understand business is business, but we are dealing with peoples lives here. Can we please do this together?, can we agree and work as a team on a solution that is viable and we all win by finding a happy medium for All and Forever, affordable housing Is a priority and an issue that affect us all at many levels, individually, socially and morally, our dignity as a person and right to be happy can not be taken lightly, your decision will have a ripple effect on all of us west Maui residents , and ultimately our children and their pull apart families are the ones who will suffer the consequences. Malama Pono, do what is right. Lets keep our Values positive , because our Values becomes our Destiny in Gratitude and Respect for each other lives. Aloha, maria lehandra, tenant

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Submitting testimony on behalf of Mai Vu Tran, tenant @ Front St. Affordable Apts. since 2001, unit #204. Not everyone has online access so we assist each other as needed. The Vu Senior Citizens, husband and wife ask your support of SB 1266 in WAM Committee as facing possible homelessness is tragic and upsetting. They both have paid taxes and have supported the Hawai economy and need this Affordable Housing desperately. Thank you for your help and concern. (neighbor, Anna Barbeau for Mai Vu Tran)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Tran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. My Family and I are tenants at Front St. AFFORDABLE Apts. and are very grateful to be able to rent here. Our children do well in the west side educational system and we are able to support them and ourselves by having rent we can afford. My wife and I both work and support the economy of Hawaii. Please pass SB 1266 for the good of Lahaina residents. Thank you.

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Don Guzman	Individual	Support	No

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John Massa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: here it is: My name is John Massa and I live at the Front Street Apartments. I have been on Maui for 26 years and have spent most of that time either living in very low standard living rentals or homeless due to lack of rentals. The situations I have endured during my stay have been atrocious. Without any alternatives I have put up with and endured the circumstances. Striving to better my situation and repair the existing rentals I occupied only to be evicted time after time so that the owner could benefit from my improvements either by selling the property or renting it out for an exorbitant amount. I received a notice 11-30-2016 at NOON concerning the affordable housing status of the Front Street Apartments. I am aware of the situation from rumors but have also heard rumors of other tenants dismissing this information as hearsay or false rumors. I noticed that in the letter, the reference email listed to express concern was mistyped on the bottom of the page. I wish I had more time to inform my neighbors but that doesn't seem to be the case. I have been told by a neighbor who makes cabinets for the complex that a one bedroom apartment here t the Front Street Apartments for new tenants are renting for \$1500.00 a month and the owner wants \$1600.00 from new applicants. Sounds exorbitant to me!!! What will happen to the rest of the complex in two years and eight months? What we will probably see is a big increase in occupancy as tenants sublease their apartments to make rent; renting out floor space, couches, hide a beds, dividing rooms, and even bunk beds doubling the septic waste and overloading the parking facility and infrastructure of Lahaina. I myself cannot rationalize paying more than half of my income towards rent. That formula for living is mathematically infeasible. That is an unhealthy formula for living standards. > As the Front Street Apartments gear up to cater to tenants with an income of \$4800.00 or more a month, they will leave their working class loyal renting patrons of the past to either over crowding or homeless situations. Although the Apartment complex is not substandard at present time; the situation will become that way and create a Slumlord situation by definition. I myself would very much like to avoid this situation by all costs, even if it means leaving my home, unfortunately!!! The Front Street Apartments were originally set up to give back to the community. What has changed in the past fifteen years I can not fathom? But what ever has changed is a terrible tragedy and needs to be corrected. Sincerely, John Massa, tenant

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Elle Cochran	Individual	Support	No

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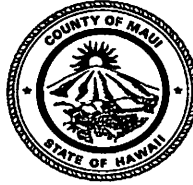
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In consideration of
S.B. 1266, S.D. 2
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The HHFDC **supports the intent** of S.B. 1266, S.D. 2, which directs the HHFDC to initiate negotiations to preserve Front Street Apartments in Lahaina, Maui, as affordable rental housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 15, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:00am
Conference Room 423

SB1266 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Housing

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT OF SB1266**.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) or any entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support this bill for the following reasons:

- The current residents of the apartments are comprised of below 60% & below 50% of the Area Median Income for Maui County. Some are disabled and/or elderly. They represent our most vulnerable population.
- Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025. There are very little affordable rental options in Maui County. If the current residents were to lose their units, there are virtually no other affordable rental units for them to move to. Many could become homeless.
- Maui County has a limited number of shelters which are typically at full capacity. There is no adequate shelter space to accommodate displaced residents of the Front Street Apartment project.

We are hopeful that the State will be able to negotiate to acquire the property so that the 142 very low income individuals and families are able to remain in their units. **Please change the date on page 3 line 13, page 5 line 7, and page 6 line 1 from 2027 to 2051 in order to protect the original 50 year affordability commitment.**

I urge you to strongly support SB1266.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui



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CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Supporting SB 1266 Relating to Vacation Rentals
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
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Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice Hawai'i Appleseed is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.

Thank you Chair Brower and members of the committee for an opportunity to testify in strong support for SB 1266. The bill would appropriate funding to be matched with funding from Maui County to begin the purchase of the property known as the Front Street Apartments or enter into an agreement with the owner to maintain the affordability requirements for many years to come. A final alternative would be to acquire the property through eminent domain proceedings.

The Front Street Apartments were built in 2001 with federal and state tax credits with the specific purpose of making half of the units available to tenants with incomes below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) with the remaining half being allocated to tenants with less than 50% of AMI. The complex is comprised of 142 units and houses between 250 and 300 very low income tenants. A high percentage of the tenants are seniors or disabled persons who survive on low fixed incomes and affordability of the apartments are the only way they can face the challenges of living in the highest cost of living state in the nation.

Although the apartments were originally intended to be maintained as affordable for 50 years, in August of 2016 the complex owners were able to use a loophole in the IRS regulations and remove the affordability requirements so that half of the tenants who were living in the complex with incomes below 50% of AMI had their rents raised immediately to that being paid by the remaining half of the tenants earning 60% of AMI. In addition all units that become vacant are immediately raised to market place rents and as of August 2019, all 142 units will have rents raised to market rate. As these rent increases take effect, there will be less affordable housing available on Maui and virtually all of the current tenants will face evictions because of the inability to pay market rate for their apartments. With the scarcity of affordable units on Maui, most of the tenants will be faced with the real potential of becoming homeless.

It will not be the first time that the state has purchased an affordable housing project to keep it affordable. In 2006, the legislature passed a bill that allowed the state to buy Kakui Gardens affordable rental project on Oahu. The purchase of the Front Street apartments would replicate that very successful precedent.

*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic
Justice*

March 14, 2017

A recent report by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism determined Hawaii will need 65,000 more homes to house our residents by 2025. That estimation is similar to the projection by the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation's (HHFDC) that between 2015 and 2020 we have a housing shortage of 29,500 units. At the current range of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to build each unit of an affordable rental project, even if the purchase price was as high as \$10 million, each unit would cost the state only approximately \$70,000 per unit.

Thank you for an opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB1266.

Aloha,
Victor Geminiani
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TO: The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Mike White
Council Chair

Handwritten signature of Mike White in black ink.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 16, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1266 SD 2, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to initiate negotiations by the state to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on Maui affordable, or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This bill is a singular opportunity for the legislature to directly impact the lives of low-income residents in West Maui by exercising its authority to keep the Front Street Apartments in Lahaina affordable long-term. Current residents of the project include seniors on fixed incomes, people with disabilities receiving support, and low-income families with children. Should the Front Street Apartments be allowed to convert to market-rate rentals, more than 250 people are at risk of losing their housing.
2. The measure provides options to extend the affordable rents through negotiation with the owners, purchase of the property and improvements, or the use of the state's power of eminent domain to acquire the property should that become necessary. Whether the legislature decides to fund the project's continued affordability through 2027 or to purchase the property outright, please consider that without state intervention, 142 units will be lost from the affordable housing inventory. The loss will have an unfortunate ripple effect on the demand on affordable housing programs and service providers to meet the needs of displaced residents.
3. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study notes 12,000 housing units on Maui are needed until 2025. The Maui County Council is committed to supporting legislation, methods, and programs that will increase the availability of affordable housing. Despite this commitment, it is an uphill battle. This measure needs the legislature's support before it is too late.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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TO: The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member

DATE: March 14, 2017

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL SB1266 S.D.2; RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify as an individual in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure directs Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) or any appropriate entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

I strongly **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Front Street Apartments were developed in 2001 as an affordable rental housing project consisting of 142 units using state financing and state tax credits with the expectation that it remain affordable to low income tenants for 50 years.
2. There is a critical shortage of affordable rentals and properties for sale in Maui County. The Front Street Apartments is vital to our lower income West Maui residents. The 142 units housing 250 residents are comprised of below 60% and below 50% of the area median income and removing these units from affordability creates hardship on the residents, leaving them with no prospects of other affordable rentals to move too.
3. The 250 residents consist of many hard working families with children as well as Senior Citizens, our Kupuna. These Seniors contributed into our government system during their decades of employment here in Hawaii, are now on fixed incomes and looked forward to retirement and the secure notion that they would be able to live independently and with dignity.

March 14, 2017

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4. I fully support State and matching county funds being used to purchase the Front Street Apartments and making those units affordable in perpetuity. That's the only way the local and state government are going to be able to solve our housing crisis in the long term. We can't continue to put public funds toward purchasing units that will only be affordable for a short time. We are one of the few states/counties who don't require affordability in perpetuity.
5. Homelessness is a reality that affects the whole state. Maui is facing a growing increase of homelessness due to the shortage of bed space available in our shelters and the lack of affordable rentals. The sad truth of this matter is Maui isn't equipped to adequately accommodate any displaced residents of the Front Street Apartments.

For the foregoing reasons, I strongly **support** this measure and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert Carroll
Council Vice Chair, County of Maui

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Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Individual	Support	No

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Peter Power	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill with out it my family will not be able to continue to live here. I rent a small shop on the west side of Maui and pay \$2500.00 a month for shop space plus \$500.00 for electric to run my cabinet making business. We Barely make our rents now if our apt. rent goes up we will not be able to stay on Maui. my wife has lived here 46 yrs. and i have lived here since 1988 we have 2 children to support. Please keep rent affordable for working families here on Maui. Thank you, Peter, Jami, Shane And Alana Power 808-281-8218

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Silvana Castillo #301, tenant @ FSA, employed, pay taxes, w/2 children. Please keep Front St Apts. AFFORDABLE. This is our home. We need to remain here so we can continue to attend school. work and live a decent life. We ask you to Pass SB 1266. We support our Legislators, so please support us in this situation. Gracias

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hi. I relocated to Front St. AFFORDABLE Apts. after a horrible incident in Calif. It was a trumatic breaking/entering/life threatening assult leaving me in fear of my life. The (unknown to me) 300lb. assialiant/a homeless scary person is jailed but due to the severity I left the state and was fortunate to be relocated here in a safe environment.I am not disabled and living on a fixed income and need to remain so. The thought of being put in a position of homelessness restarts the anxiety I now suffer. Please do right by those who depend on our safe AFFORDABLE complex. Do not add to the homeless population that is being sent here from the west coast. Please keep these people safe and secure here as is. Thank you, Charlene, #624.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: #822/Front St. Apts. I am a single female Sr. Citizen in SUPPORT of SB 1266. Those of us here on fixed incomes (earned Social Security). Unable to relocate of pay extreme rents.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are 2 Senior Citizens here @ Front St. AFFORDABLE Housing (#803) and at our ages cannot relocate. We are grateful for being able to pay AFFORDABLE rent and need it remain the same. Pass SB 1266. Thank you

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a female Senior Citizen of 75 years, single w/o support. I cannot live on the street or relocate at this age. I live safely and securely at Front St. AFFORDABLE Apts. (#802) and have close access to markets and medical centers. Neighbors watch out for one another here. Because of the 50 yr. AFFORDABLE term stated I moved here knowing it would be my last move. I need to remain with AFFORDABILITY. Would you put your Grandparents on the street?

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. We two are tenants here @ Front St. Apts. #622, and of Hawaiian ethnicity and this is our home. I am employed and it is only right that we have AFFORDABLE rents offered to us. History shows many injustices levied against we Hawaiians. This complex is needed for us, the working people. High rents to force us out is a grave affront. Keep this place for us and affordable. Support and pass SB 1266. Mahalo

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Barbara Henny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony on behalf of James Purchase, residing at 1701 Front Street Apartments: "My wife of 42 years passed away in December 2016, We shared a one-bedroom apartment, living on fixed income and assistance from HUD. There is no way I could afford to remain here, I am physically disabled and alone. I wish to die here as there is no place for me to go and I can barely make it as it is. I don't want to be the old bum on the street. Please help me and others in similar dire situations.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am Patty, a tenant here @ Front St. Apts. I have a disability, but being able to live here AFFORDABLY allows me to walk or ride my bicycle to work at Safeway which employs me and others with similar disabilities. Please help us all keep our apartments. I cannot move and there is nowhere to move to and I need to be close to Safeway. Support SB 1266. I cannot be on the streets.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Tenant Ben Ferari #103, employed, in Support of SB 1266 in able to continue working for the visitor industry, needs affordable rent. There are no available affordable rentals in Lahaina. This is a needed comodity for in need reidents. Mahalo.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Gwen Wintermyer, employed single Mom w/H.S. daughter doing very well @ Lahainluna very much in SUPPORT of SB 1266 (submitted by neighbor as no online access)

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: submitting for: Violeta and Leo. Single, working Mother (w/son disability:Down's Syndrom) My son goes to school here and is close to services provided by newly opened IMUA Family Services brance within walking distance. I support SB 1266 so we can continue to live here safely. I work and need the affordable rent we now have. Thank you.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I am a tenant and a teacher employed by the DOE. I can continue to teach in Hawaii if I can remain here @FSA w/AFFORDABLE rent. Please support SB1266. (A. Barbeau on behalf of Neil Somers apt.#123)

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gail, tenant	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please help keep front street apartment complex in lahaina with its 142 units affordable. mahalo for your support, gail, tenant

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Barbara Henny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Barbara Henny and I reside at Front Street Apartments in Lahaina.(Apartment 1802) I am a single woman forced to live on a fixed income which includes social security and a small pension. It is difficult to survive but I live frugally in my one-bedroom apartment. It would be a hardship for me to move elsewhere, I do not have a car, I am disabled and through emotional and financial misfortunes in the past 7 years I am totally dependent on having this affordable housing. In good faith and after extensive vetting to live here I believed this would be my final resting place. I implore you to reconsider allowing FSA to continue to provide affordable housing as declared in the contract. Thank you.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: (using my laptop for: I am Hua, live at #104/Front St. Apts with my son. I do nails.I pay my taxes. Please keep this place affordable. Support SB 1266 Thank you.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is Kazu Matsumoto, a tenant @ FSA#223 and am in complete SUPPORT of SB 1266. Please help my wife and children keep our residences here. Even as I am full time employed, this I can afford. I support the economy and pay taxes. Thank you.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Senior Citizen and am in Support of SB 1266 to keep Front Street Apartments affordable for Lahaina residents so they will not be on the streets like the homeless are now. Especially all the Senior Citizens who live there. My name is Requa Gonzalez and I am a Hawaii resident.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Yarict Olea. I am a tenant @FSA#124 and a single Mother. I work in the service industry and have 2 children to support by myself. There is nowhere to move to I can afford and here we can walk to the market and school. We feel safe here. Please keep this place affordable for people like me. Support SB 1266 please. (submitted by request by A. Barbeau for this tenant who does not have online access)

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Testimony by Ratna Heilscher
Tenant at Front Street Apt.
Email:ratnasukaryo@hotmail.com

Aloha from Maui.

My name is Ratna Heilscher. My family live at Front Street Apartment. Both my husband and I are working as Educational Assistant at King Kamehameha III Elementary School. We have one child who goes to Lahainaluna High School as a nine grader and doing very well with his grade. There is a serious shortage of affordable rentals in West Maui. We have live in Front Street Apartment for 14 years and we really can't afford to live anywhere else. Please keep Front Street Apartment affordable.

Thank you.

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CSpellman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Carmie Spellman. I moved into the Front Street Apartments (FSA) in 2011. I am requesting you support for Aloha, my name is Carmie Spellman. I moved into the Front Street Apartments , Lahaina, Hawaii(FSA) in 2011. I am requesting you support for SB1266 SD2. I have been living in Maui on and off since the 70's living between Alaska and Hawaii. I have been permanently disabled now for approximately 10 years and cannot work. I have Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and resultant Anterograde Amnesia. In my lifetime, I have worked hard and volunteered to multiple community and national events. I have worked for Congress, State Senate and State House in Alaska plus Legislative Affairs and Chamber of Commerce. I owned my own International Company for 10.5 years. I was successful and loved working. But now in my Golden Years, I wake up in the middle of the night crying because I am worried about homelessness due to this unforeseen tragedy. Nobody plans for misfortune. Now it is worse as I in 2.5 years I will have nowhere to live. It is a horrible feeling as I spent a good deal of time looking for my forever home. I feel deceived by FSA. Worse yet my shelter based needs are causing me undue duress because it is slipping away. When I moved in here I mentioned repeatedly how important this move was to me and I was not moving again for all the right reasons. I did my research and it was clearly stated in writing that this place has a 50 year Affordable Housing Contract. SB1266 SD2 is critical to Maui County's residents in Lahaina, West Maui. The homeless situation here in W. Maui is gigantic an overwhelming bogging down social services. In fact, the Front Street Apartments is probably one of the only places that facilitate HUD recipients not only on the West Side but the entire Island! FSA was built in 2001 with a 50 year Affordable Housing term contract to expire 2051. This specific project is intended for certain price point recipients where they accepted and administered the Voucher 8 Program via HUD. Residents of FSA are limited income groups of hard-working class individuals, families, retirees all on fixed incomes, permanently disabled, Hospice patents, Elderly, each with their own hardships. We already HAVE this needed complex in perfect

working form. Fix this horrendous error help us find a solution while there is time. I appeal to you. Thank you for your time and understanding of this situation. Please help us we have nowhere to go. One last thing, think about how in the last 4 years 30,000 Hawaiians have moved from the West Maui area to the Mainland as they cannot afford to live in Hawaii. This is untenable. Your help is greatly appreciated! Mahalo Nui Loa.
Carmie Spellman, FSA Resident, Maui, Hawaii.

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jill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please keep front street apartment complex in lahaina as affordable housing. your support is very much appreciated. jill, tenant front street apartments

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meriah hill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please keep front street apartment complex as affordable housing for myself and my two children and the other residents needing your help and support. mahalo, meriah hill, tenant

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maril alejandra pocaterra graffe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Many of us Front Street Apartments renters are hard working families with bottom incomes I myself, live on Maui since 2003 I am a single mom of a 5 year old and Domestic Violence Survivor, managing two jobs to have meets ends because my child`s father refuses to help raised his kid. Between the Government help and my income I have been able to support my child by myself for five years, having the opportunity to live here at Front Street Apartments where my son loves to play with his neighbors friends at the playground, where the Elementary School is at the end of Front Street ,here where we live a good quality life, safe with dignity, solidarity and a brighter future was possible until now..suddenly this future was shatter to pieces, my son notice the stress that this situation cause to me and he is on distress also repeting me "please mommy I don't want to move out, I want to go to school with my friends"...if we move out we will have to change the school too.....It breaks my heart and shadows his future with the sole thought of having to move out with my child sets the fear that We may even have to become homeless if the current plan comes to fruition. The households of this complex are either families with young kids or senior adults, some disabled who are not able to pay a higher rent, many of us live here for five, fifteen years or more. I appeal to the common sense of all decision makers to please help us by respecting our seniority maintaining our current rent and homes as it is now Affordable. Permantly, in perpetuity for the future generations of Hawaii, in my case this is the maximum I can afford. I understand business is business, but we are dealing with peoples lives here. Can we please do this together?, can we agree and work as a team on a solution that is viable and we all win by finding a happy medium for All and Forever, affordable housing Is a priority and an issue that affect us all at many levels, individually, socially and morally, our dignity as a person and right to be happy can not be taken lightly, your decision will have a ripple effect on all of us west Maui residents , and ultimately our children and their pull apart families are the ones who will suffer the consequences. Malama Pono, do what is right. Lets keep our Values positive , because our Values becomes our Destiny in Gratitude and Respect for each other lives. Aloha, maria lehandra, tenant

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Walter Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and Greetings from Lahaina: My name is Walter Jones. I am a tenant at Front Street Apartments (#801). My current rent is one-half of my retirement income. Another rent increase will force me to leave Maui. We, the Front Street residents, serve the west Maui tourism economy, our county and our state. I believe, the long-term personal, active business, tourist support, and community support contributions of Front Street residents are more valuable to you, our elected representatives, and our state economy, than the short-term market driven forces at hand. I support the Maui economy by providing care for my 99-year old mother, and two grandchildren. My daughter could not work and serve the west Maui community without my help. I am just one of hundreds of Front Street residents who serve the Maui economy! Let your council be remembered for both compassion and long-term business sense by helping preserve and protect your personal investment and the people here at Front Street! Walter Jones, resident Front Street Apartments, #801, Lahaina, HI 96761

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nancy silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, please keep front street apartment complex as affordable housing.
mahalo, nancy silva, tenant front street apartments

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helen bullion	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to have my voice heard on the plight of affordable housing involving Front St Apts in Lahaina. This is where I live and now understand is under threat of losing the affordability status in the near future of 2017. This will ultimately place myself homeless because I have no place to go nor be able to afford "market value" rent. I am a 75 year old widow living on fixed income. I have no way of increasing my income due to age and being in poor health due to kidney failure and am doing dialysis treatment three times a week. So the question here is where does an old lady like myself turn to for help with maintaining affordable housing and not becoming homeless or a problem for the County or State. I am not the only one who will be affected should Front St Apts does not maintain its affordability status. As you may already know there are a number of ohanas with children as well as kupunas as myself. Many of these people are hard working folks trying to make ends meet while raising a family. Needless to say this is no easy task (Lucky you live in Hawaii, eh). Many of us are busy making a living to keep our affordable "castle" so have no time to personally make a plea to save Front St Apts from going market value. Like I said I am 75 years old and most important for you all to know is that I am in the low-income bracket. Yes....I struggle to make ends meet on my meager monthly income....receive no financial aid from anyone or any State/County freebies or financial/medical assistance. But at this time I make a personal request for help. Help us save Front St Apts from going "what the market will bear". As a whole, the tenants of this affordable complex have no power to save ourselves from this dilemma without your help.....hopefully this is where you all come in. We would have a strong voice in State/County council to stand by our plea to keep our "castle" affordable

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The situation at front street apartment complex in Lahaina: I possess a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master of social work degree from Washington University in Clayton, MO (near St. Louis, MO). Consequently, I worked many years as a social worker in Albuquerque, NM, Denver, CO and Santa Barbara, CA counties. I moved to Maui in 2001. When the real estate market began to decline rather rapidly, I had to "short sale" the condo in which I was living at Lahaina Residential Condos, next door to where I currently live, as the condo expenses kept increasing while my income kept decreasing. Therefore, I began the search for alternative living situations and was fortunate enough to find a very kind and compassionate manager, Randi Arebaugh, at front street apartments. He put me on the waiting list; and when my name came up, he offered me the condo where I currently live. The current owners of front street apartments have told our manager that he can "verbally" inform folks who live here that the owners have decided to change the status of the apartments to "market value" rentals. There has been no formal (written) acknowledgment of this situation. As I am given to understand from speaking with Randi, the owners are now renting all new vacancies at the "market value" of \$1,500 for a one bedroom (I live in a one bedroom). and, by august of 2019, all units will go to the "market value" rate so that all the folks who live here, and all the renters who are on the "affordable rate" as our common denominator is that we are all in the lower sociological economic range. This means that approximately 200 to 300 folks, all the people who live here, will be forced to move. The problem is that there is almost no place for us to move as there are very few "affordable" rentals in Lahaina. So, are we going to have to live on the streets? That is the only alternative I can find for myself as I have explored the alternative rentals in Lahaina area. The folks who live here are working families with children, seniors, disabled and such. We are good tenants, take good care of the property and enjoy living here. We pay our taxes and contribute to the community. I am feeling so desperate that i have entertained the option gathering my cat in her cat carrier and of driving the two of us off the cliff on the road to Wailuku as i cannot survive on the street. As we have learned about the prospective situation (eviction in august of 2019), we neighbors have begun to gather together and inform the community in every way we can think of about the situation and ask the community to help us. We are frightened and just reaching out

and asking humbly for assistance. If there is any way that you can assist us, please do so. Sincerely, Chi Piliialoha Guyer, tenant

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Kathryn Snyder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of SB1266 my name is Kathryn Snyder. i am a resident of Front St Apts.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Submitting testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1266 as a long term Maui resident, decades of labor/tax paying history and 16 yr.tenant of FSA, now retired on fixed income. We desperately NEED to remain here in tenancy @ current AFFORDABLE rates. At 74 yrs.of age I cannot be a homeless person. Please support SB 1266.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I am a voting, tax paying resident since 1968, now retired on fixed income, and a 10 yr.Front St. AFFORDABLE Housing tenant. With a growing homeless population rife with crime, drugs and alcohol abuse, we know our Mayor, Alan Arakawa and our State Legislature do not want to add to this problem. The 250-300 FSA tenants comprised of working Families, Sr. Citizens of advanced age, and some disabled are fearful of facing homelessness themselves. We appeal to you to support SB 1266. This complex is an excellent example of AFFORDABLE Housing and need be kept as such, rather than force your constituents to the streets. Mahalo, we trust you will do right for the people of West Maui.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Am submitting support of SB 1266 on behalf of Gus Astronomo (no online access) tenant @ FSA.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Joe Tx Vu, Sr. Citizen, disabled by stroke,tenant @ FSA has requested I, Anna Barbeau submit his SUPPORT of SB 1266 as he cannot fathom a move to where? he will be unable to make. He worked for many years in transportation, paid taxes, and is grateful for this complex where he expects to remain in his sunset years.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Frank Deak, tenant @ FSA #504 has requested I submit his being in SUPPORT of SB 1266

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Anna Barbeau submitting Testimony ON BEHALF of Marlene Astronomo, 50 yr. resident #604 @ Front St. Aff. Housing. At age 70 we cannot be expected to ousted from our apts. when we moved in with the understanding of a 50 year term of affordability. This is our home, our last move. Consider yourselves in the same situation and feel our angst. Please support SB 1266 and keep FSA affordable as originally stated. We are confident you do what is in the best interests of we, the past and present workforce.

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Hong T Nguyen	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Delzer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please don't make us homeless with the crackheads and rapists down at the harbor or on the beach. We all work hard here to live in this nice complex. Please don't take that away from us. I've lived here for 14yrs and I work hard, I vote and try to do the right thing. The only thing I don't have is a significant other to share my expenses with. I couldn't live on this island without the affordable housing. I would have to quit my job of 10yrs and move back home with my parents. I'm 50 yrs old and educated. Please don't do that to me or the others here who have worked so hard to stay afloat. Mahalo, Michelle

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E. Wayne Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was sad to hear that where I have lived since the summer, Front Street Apartments, has been sold, and that I, and the other many individuals and families who live here, will have to move. I had never heard about this until it was evidently a done deal. I am a 66 year old disabled veteran, and was so grateful to move here to Front Street Apartments last summer and as a Hawaii resident, hoping to live out my life here. The thought of moving, or being homeless again is daunting. I try not to think about it, but it is impossible to forget the scariness, and humiliation of not having a home. Even the thought of packing up at my age, losing my new found security, leaving familiar surroundings, and trying to find a home is unimaginable for me, as it must be for other individuals and families here. I am not even sure I have another move left in me. If so many of us have to leave, there might not be enough available places to live in our small town, and perhaps landlords hearing of so many desperate Front Street refugees needing places to live would see an opportunity to rent gouge. Upon first hearing of this, I looked on the web for information, and found only one little PDF, but I am not good with computers. In that PDF was stated "the buyer must continue to operate the low-income portion of the building as "a qualified low-income building in accordance with the IRC." I'm not sure what that means, but it seems that the original intent, was to keep it affordable low income housing? Every morning, I see the children heading off to school, and feel so sad for them. Some of their demeanours seem to have changed since this news broke, and I can't help wonder what effect it might be having on them personally, and how their family life is affected because of this. We are all so grateful to have our little community, but now people are scared. All this is why I am supporting SB 1266. Please, for the sake of the children, families, elderly, disabled, health challenged people, and for people getting back on their feet after unfortunate life events, help us.

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Joseph Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Don't have a clue as to what I'm doing. I support the bill. Feel free to call me at 808/268-6569. (I'm old and too swift on the computer...

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Kelly Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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TESTIMONY IN REGARD TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BILLS:

SB1266 AND HB1533

My name is Sharon Serafica. I have lived at Front Street Apartments for over 12 years. I have lived in Hawaii almost 20 years. Before retirement three years ago, I was a pre-school teacher at Holy Innocents Church, working closely with Kam III helping children with special needs.

I moved into Front Street Apartments (FSA) as a single working adult. For nine years I lived in a one bedroom apartment until I met my husband. We were married in 2010. My husband, Billy, was in construction - building pools. He has lived in Hawaii almost 30 years. When construction slowed down he started up a "Handy Man" business. The cost of insurances, taxes, health insurance and business expenses are great. With my Social Security pension, doing bookkeeping ourselves, and "affordable housing" we are able to make ends meet.

My sister, Carla, recovering from an organ transplant, came to live with us to enjoy Hawaii's beautiful weather and friendly people. We all transferred to a two bedroom apartment (Apartment 1224).

One year ago, my granddaughter at 24 became pregnant and gave birth fo a healthy girl. A month after birth she was diagnosed with severe post- partum depression. She was unable to leave her apartment. She could not take care of her daughter. Baby Sage came to live with us. My granddaughter lost her jobs and apartment. She became homeless.

The demands of a small infant became too much on the health of my sister. She moved back to Texas to live with her daughter.

My granddaughter moved in with us four months ago. She is recovering and

Sage, now 13 months old, and her are bonding. She is back in the work force and planning for the future.

Without "Affordable Housing" my story would have had a completely different outcome!

Front Street Apartments is a family community. We all look out for each other in need and deed: a ride to the store or doctor, babysitting, a warm meal for a sick neighbor, a couple of quarters when short for laundry, a visit to a disabled shut-in and a lot of emotional support.

Our manager, Randi, runs a tight ship with family "Number One". We are a quiet, clean and respectable community. We are proud of our diversity. My great granddaughter, Sage, is learning Vietnamese from our downstairs neighbors. We have pot luck and movie nights, visits from Santa, and engage in fundraisers for our local schools and charities.

Please help us keep our family together.

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Elizabeth Clapper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help us to save the Front Street Apartments and have an affordable place for working class folks like myself. I am a single mother and will not be able to afford housing if our rent is increased. There are many families here as well as elderly who would be displaced as well. Mahalo, Elizabeth Clapper

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for helping us at Front St. Apts. keep it affordable so we can raise our children and be safe. This place is very safe and we take care of it and each other. Please pass SB 1266 and think about the regular working people and their Families. Elva Rico #1602 at FSA.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Juan Sanchez and I am a tenanat at Front St. AFFORDABLE Housing #321, helping my partner raise her 2 children. We are able to do this because the rent we can manage as I am fully employed and my partner part time. Please keep it like this so we can continue working to support the Maui economy and live here.
Gracias

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John Massa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many Families live in this Complex who rely on it being an Affordable dwelling. Woman and children, elderly, disabled, dying, Babies too. People who make this community. Please help these people and vote this bill through. I live at the Front Street Apartments. I have been on Maui for 26 years and have spent most of that time either living in very low standard living rentals or homeless due to lack of rentals. The situations I have endured during my stay have been atrocious. Without any alternatives I have put up with and endured the circumstances. Striving to better my situation and repair the existing rentals I occupied only to be evicted time after time so that the owner could benefit from my improvements. Either by selling the property or renting it out for an exorbitant amount. I received a notice on 11-30-2016 concerning the affordable housing status of the Front Street Apartments. I am aware of the situation from rumors but have also heard rumors of other tenants dismissing this information as here say or false rumors. the case. I have been told by a neighbor who makes cabinets for the complex that a one bedroom a partment here at the Front Street Apartments for new tenants are renting for \$1500.00 a month and the owner wants \$1600.00 from new applicants. Sounds exorbitant to me!!! What will happen to the rest of the complex in two years and two months? What we will probably see is a big increase in occupancy as tenants sublease their apartments to make rent. Renting out floor space, couches, hide a beds, dividing rooms, and even bunk beds. Doubling the septic waste and overloading the parking facility and infrastructure of Lahaina. I myself can not rationalize paying more than half of my income towards rent. That formula for living is mathematically infeasible. That is an unhealthy formula for living standards. As the Front Street Apartments gear up to cater to tenants with an income of \$4800.00 or more a month. They will leave their working class loyal renting patrons of the past to either over crowding or homeless situations. Although the apartment complex is not sub standard at present time. The situation will become that way and create a Slum Lord situation by definition. I myself would very much like to avoid this situation by all cost. Even if it means leaving my home, unfortunately!!! The Front Street Apartments were originally set up to give back to the community. What has changed in the past fifteen years I can not fathom. But what ever has changed is a terrible tragedy and needs to be corrected. Sincerely, John Massa

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RAY M ROGERS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, This is MY TESTIMONY-SUPPORT FOR BILLS:(SB1266)[For:Front Street Apartments to remain affordable indefinitely.] I leased my 1BR/1BA unfurnished apartment at Front Street Apts.in May 2006 & my monthly rent in the last 10 years has increased by 60%. Average of 6% per year. This is now a little over 1/2 of my monthly Retirement Social Security Income to date & with no cost of living allowance for 2015 &'16, for 2017 my: COLA allowance is:(0.3%) \$4.66 rounded up by S.S. to \$5. per month or \$60. per year. If Front Street Apts. is allowed to be removed from their: Affordable Housing Program; at current HUD rental rates for Maui, my monthly rent would double & be more than my monthly SS income. The USA Conforming Mortgage Guidelines are that your housing cost should be no more than 25% of your annual gross income. I'm 78 yrs old & I have been a resident of Maui since APRIL/1984 & I'm a US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS VETERAN. I have planed to spend my remaining life time on Maui. My F.S.A. address is:[1104 Kenui Circle, Lahaina, HI 96761-2354] Mahalo & Aloha, Ray M Rogers Phone: 808 662-0022 Email: rayrogers.onmaui@hawaiiantel.net PS:Senator Roz Baker: Mahalo. I still have & use my: Roz Baker for State Senator 4 3/4" wide red round rubber bottle cap gripper/opener. Works perfectly every time.

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MICHAEL TUTTLE	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Michael Tuttle. I live at the Front Street Apartments in apartment #1001. I'm a single father of a 9 and 13 year old daughters. I work full time at Hilo Hattie in Lahaina and can barely afford to support my family at the current rent amount. There are no affordable options in Lahaina for me and many others living here. If the Front Street Apartments do not remain as affordable housing, my family and many others will be homeless. Please do not let that happen.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am Pippo Maiorino a single Father for my son, Kai. I work hard to support us here at Front St. Affordable Apts and appreciate the ability this affords us to live safely and securely. Kai goes to LIS and has many friends here. Please keep it affordable as we love our home, #324.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a tenant at Front St. Apartments (#1121) and need the rent kept affordable. I am part Native Hawaiian and this is the least to be done for the Hawaiian people. Leanne Sherman

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Don Guzman	Individual	Support	No

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The website has not been functioning properly this morning preventing MANY to submit their testimonies b4 10am today. Not fair but neither is trying to put 250-300 tenants here out of our homes. I am a single mom , fully employed trying to raise my 2 kids safely. Please support SB 1266 and keep up able to live and work in Lahaina. Not relocated years from now or extreme rent increase. Nancy M Apt. #1621

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Gary Sherman. I am a Disabled Veteran. I am 1/2 Native American (Souix) and do have rent assistance due to my V.A. disabled status. Be fair and just to Americans. Keep Front St. Apts. AFFORDABLE as promised for 50 years or more as it should be. I am in apt. #1121

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cipriano Rico tenant at Front St. Apts. I have 2 children to support and am employed full time. I am at my rent limit. Please do not raise our rent, keep FSA affordable and support SB 1266.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I do not know if the testimony I just submitted went through so I will repeat that I am a single Mother of 2 boys, full time employed and need the affordable rent status Front St. Apt. has. It is a struggle at my current rent of \$800. but I can do it. Please keep it affordable as stated when we first moved in. Support SB 1266. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robin t. sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Robin T. Sullivan and I am a disabled senior. I am a 20 year resident of Hawaii, voter and paid taxes yearly. I depend on the affordable housing here at Front Street Apts. Please keep this complex affordable. Please pass Sb 1266. Mahalo

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a full time employed single Mother, Rocio Morales, and my son Dylan is employed part time and live here @ Front St. Apts.(#1123) We live conservativly and need to be able to have AFFORDABLE rent like we have here. We are in no position to relocate and consider this our home. Please pass SB 1266. Gracias

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Lara Taamu #1321 tenant @ Front St. Apts. I am a single Mother with 2 children to support. My 1st and oldest son has already married and moved out from this complex. I am employed but depend on the reasonable rent charged so please Support and pass SB 1266. Thank you.

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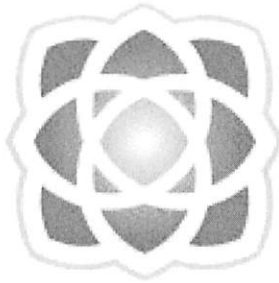
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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am Tongan, Motuleita, my wife passed away and I am a single Father putting my 2 sons through school. I work hard and have lived here for 15 yrs. because I can afford it. When my wife passed I pay rent by myself but I will not be able to if the rent goes high so please do not do it. Please pass SB 1266 and keep Front St. Apts. AFFORDABLE.Malo

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 423
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair;
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Housing

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1266 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce representing approximately 600 businesses and 16,000 employees on Maui. I am writing share our support of SB 1266.

Affordable housing is one of our top priorities as access to affordable housing is an ongoing problem on Maui and we support initiatives that spur more affordable housing and rentals being built or maintained. In the case of the Front Street Apartments, we support this bill to keep units that already exist as affordable housing affordable, especially to those who currently occupy the spaces. The current residents of the Front Street Apartments fall below the Area Median Income for Maui County and some are disabled and/or elderly. If the Front Street Apartments are not kept affordable, most of them will have no other place to live. This is an instance where we can do something now to help ensure these residents have affordable options available to them.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter and therefore ask that this bill be passed.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jami Power	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please consider keeping the housing in Lahaina, at Front Street Apartments available as affordable housing. The cost of living has increased so much and we have not received an increase of income to match this inflation. Rent costs consume such a large percentage of our incomes. It will be much harder to live close to our workplaces, and cause a strain on social services, as the need for more money to make ends meet will surely increase. Thank you, Jami Power

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We tried to submit testimony before the deadline but your website was malfunctioning. My Husband & I started MauiMusicMission which has become a well known successful after school program for the youth of west Maui and whomever else wants to learn and improve their life through music. We are a non-profit and have had many success stories of self improvement through music. We preform at Kapalua, The Lahaina Outlet Stores and other venues. My Husband is Native Hawaiian and has strong culteral beliefs of GIVING BACK to further elevate lives. Please do the same by passing SB 1266. We teach Violin, Voice, Guitar, Bass, Flute, Piano, Drums and yes, UKULELE. Our instruments are and costs are donated, and we are invited regularly to preform for the public. (mauimusicmission.com) We are for the good of our Hawaii Residents and we ask you to do the same and keep Front St. Apts. AFFORDABLE. This complex was our beginning, our hub, our safe home base to start out mission of improvement through music. Rhonda & Rubin Pali

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a fully employed single Father supporting 2 children I DEPEND on the affordability of Front St. Apts. which is why we moved in here. I support our small family and pay child care while I am at work and cannot relocate away from my employment or the school my son attends. Please understand this complex is needed for the many who reside here. It is safe. Please pass SB 1266. C. Russell

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Front St. Apts. tenant (Sr. Citizen) and know there are no rentals available deemed affordable by normal working class standards. The cost of living in Hawaii also reduces what is affordable and MUST be taken into consideration as the common wage does not equal out. This is not Downtown Honolulu or uptown Manhattan where high rents are common, and cannot be compared saying high rents for residents in Lahaina is normal. Please pass SB 1266 and take care of the working class of Lahaina. S. Reyes

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: N. Mariquez #1304/tenant @ Front St. Apts. I am a stay-at-home Mom as my husband is fully employed. I have 2 young children and am able to give them a quality upbringing this way. We desperately need our rents to remain affordable. Thank you for your concern for Hawaii residents. Please pass SB 1266

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: #1502/tenant @ Front St. Apts. Part time employed assisting daughter who is a single parent raise their 2 children. Combined incomes pays affordable rent and supports this Family. Urges Legislation to keep rent affordable as there is no other option for housing. C. Greenleaf (Sr. Citizen)

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Penoi mani Kiniseti #1601 tenant @ Front St. Apts. is part time employed supporting 3 children with wife (employed) and depends on the affordable rent. Please Pass SB 1266.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Tenant @ FSA 5yrs. We work and require affordable rent to live and work. Please pass SB 1266 so we can keep doing so. Unable to send testimony earlier because the site did not take it. Melody K.

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Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Your website did not take my earlier testimony. I am a tenant at Front St. Apts. and need the rent remain where I can pay it and support my 2 children as a single adult. Even as I am fully employed it difficult and would be impossible should the rent increase as proposed in 2 years. Please do not allow the increase. Pass SB 1266. Mahalo.Earlson-Sean Unemoto

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SB 1266

Measure Title: RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Report Title: HHFDC; Affordable Housing; Maui; Front Street Apartments; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Directs HHFDC or any appropriate entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property. Appropriates funds.

Companion: HB1553

Package: None

Current Referral: HOU, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, ENGLISH, ESPERO, HARIMOTO, KEITH-AGARAN, K. Kahele, Kim

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Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
S.B. 1266
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The HHFDC supports the intent of S.B. 1266. If it is the Committee's intent to move this measure forward, we respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the bill.

On page 4, line 9, the following should be deleted: ", in perpetuity". Affordable housing projects cannot be financed with this condition imposed, so this language should be deleted.

On page 5, line 16, the word "approval" should be replaced by "disapproval." The sale of HHFDC property is subject to Legislative disapproval pursuant to §171-64.7, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph D Pluta	WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.	Support	No

Comments: The WMTA STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB1266 and requests that it be passed without delay. Affordable housing has been on the top of the WMTA priority List for over 15 years and the current situation is in crisis proportions. This Bill will address a way to stop making the crisis worse than it already is. The WMTA has represented thousands of Maui Property Owners and residents the past 328 years. Please pass this Bill! Malama Pono ame Mahalo, Joseph D Pluta, President Emeritus, Founding Board Member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 6, 2017

TO: Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember 

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 1266, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to direct HHFDC or any appropriate entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property. The measure appropriates funds.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. There exists a critical shortage of affordable rentals and properties for sale in Maui County. The Front Street Apartments consisting of 142 units housing 250 residents was developed under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program for households earning less than 60% of the area median income.
2. The Front Street Apartments were expected to remain affordable to low income tenants for a period of 50 years. After fulfilling their 15 year minimum requirement to keep the property affordable, the owners exercised their option to remove the property from affordability requirements which after a 3 year grace period will allow them to charge market rate rents making it unaffordable for their current tenants.
3. Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006 regarding state intervention to preserve affordable rents at Kukui Gardens affordable rental housing project set an important precedence.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Violeta	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I'm single mom with a special needs child. I need your help for keep front street apartment with the rent low. I work only when my son is at the school. It is really hard for me to pay the bills. We live here since 10 years. Sometimes i can't sleep thinking about the rent.. ,ect. Please we and Our neighbors we need your help for keep front street Apartments with the rent low. Please help us. God bless.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CSpellman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB 1266 is critical to Maui County's residents in Lahaina, West Maui. I Support SB 1266. The homeless situation is overwhelming to our social services and jeopardizes the safety of our tax paying, voting residents. Front Street AFFORDABLE Apartments was built in 2001 with a 50 year term as Affordable, meant for the hard-working classes, Families, Retirees on fixed incomes, permanently disabled and all struggle financially day-to-day. With a small percentage of HUD recipients, this complex is depended upon by the 250-300 tenants currently residing at the Front Street Apartments (FSA). The children of working Families and working single parents thrive securely in our West Maui schools. We desperately appeal to you to assist us in our need to keep FSA Affordable Apts. Affordable, as deemed at the inception dated 2001, for the 50 yr. term as originally stated. However, as the need for affordable housing increases for Maui County residents, it is most beneficial for all to keep it affordable in perpetuity. There is an enormous need, and rather than do costly funding for land lease and construction of the same, while ejecting those being proposed to assist, makes no sense. We already HAVE the needed complex in perfect working form. Please do not allow the retracting of its affordability aspect only to rebuild again elsewhere. To use the hard working tenants as pawns, as financial space holders to be disposed of for private investor gain is cruel beyond measure. We, the tenants are united in our struggle to reach out to all willing and able to assist us in securing our lives and future. We appeal to you directly. Thank you for your time and understanding of this situation. We feel you will do your foremost for us, the public, now in dire straits. Please help us we have nowhere to go. In the last 4 years 30,000 Hawaiians have moved from the West Maui area to the Mainland as they cannot afford to live in Hawaii. Mahalo Nui Loa. CSpellman, FSA's, Lahaina, Maui 9676

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E. Wayne Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was sad to hear that where I have lived since the summer, Front Street Apartments, has been sold, and that I, and the other many individuals and families who live here, will have to move. I had never heard about this until it was evidently a done deal. I am a 66 year old disabled veteran, and was so grateful to move here to Front Street Apartments last summer and as a Hawaii resident, hoping to live out my life here. The thought of moving, or being homeless again is daunting. I try not to think about it, but it is impossible to forget the scariness, and humiliation of not having a home. Even the thought of packing up at my age, losing my new found security, leaving familiar surroundings, and trying to find a home is unimaginable for me, as it must be for the other individuals and families here. If so many of us have to leave, there might not be enough available places to live in our small town, and perhaps landlords hearing of so many desperate Front Street refugees needing places would see an opportunity to rent gouge. I looked on the web for information, and found only one little PDF, but I am not good with computers. In that PDF was stated "the buyer must continue to operate the low-income portion of the building as "a qualified low-income building in accordance with the IRC." I'm not sure what that means, but it seems that the original intent, was to keep it affordable low income housing? Every morning, I see the children heading off to school, and feel so sad for them. Some of their demeanours seem to have changed since this news broke, and I can't help wonder what effect it might be having on them personally, and how their family life is affected because of this. We are all so grateful to have our little community, but now people are scared. All this is why I am supporting HB 1553 & SB 1266. Please, for the sake of the children, families, elderly, disabled, health challenged people, and for people getting back on their feet after unfortunate life events, help us. Sincerely, Ernie Johnson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elle Cochran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, As the West Maui County Council Member, I can tell you that the Front St. Apartments is vital to our lower income West Maui residents. There is a severe shortage of affordable rentals in West Maui, and losing the Front St. Apartments will make the situation even worse. I fully support State and matching county funds being used to purchase the Front St. Apartments, and making those units affordable in perpetuity. The only way local and state government are going to be able to solve our housing crisis in the long term is to make units affordable in perpetuity. We cannot continue to put public funds toward purchasing units that will only be affordable for a short time. My office has been working on ways to make units affordable in perpetuity through deed restrictions or by putting the land in trust. I would be happy to offer the committee chair and it's members some insight about the possibilities. We are one of very few states/counties who don't require affordability in perpetuity. Please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions, Mahalo Elle Cochran 808 270 5504

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autumn ness	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the purchase of Front St. Apartments, and especially encourage the state to purchase it with the requirement that it be affordable in perpetuity. Local and state governments can not continue to allow our affordable housing solutions to go onto the open market after a short period of time. We are putting valuable public resources into only temporary solutions unless we make units affordable in perpetuity. The housing crisis on Maui and in Hawaii is large and needs to be solved with long term thinking.

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Barbara Henny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony by Barbara J. Henny, 1802 Kenui Place, Front Street Apartments, Lahaina. SB 1266 There has been a travesty of justice and a betrayal of people's rights by the Maui county council, the Mayor and Hawaii state members who supposedly "serve" us, the residents of Front Street Apartment and the Maui Ohana. A deceitful, backhanded action was taken to remove our Affordable Income housing late last year during a private meeting of the MCC. Information regarding the outcome of this meeting was delayed and never officially conveyed to residents, who have faithfully committed to their contracts after months/sometimes years of vetted certification for qualification. Both the Bills referenced attest to what is known. Hopefully copies are available for all to read and digest. I am no lawyer but it is markedly clear that options can be made available. An investigation needs to be initiated on what transpired during the meetings with the investor/new owner (still anonymous) and why the State could not fulfill its obligations to provide extra funding, even under advisement? from the Maui County Council. Homelessness on these islands is a horrific issue and negating the Affordable Housing program in buildings where they were available and promised to the people of the island will only exarcebate this problem. It is not only the problem of people coming to these islands on a oneway ticket but those decent, responsible, hardworking folks who live and work here. Perhaps we can obtain a transcript on the backroom proceedings of these meetings Akaku TV provides some accounts of the general Council meetings, but not of that private transaction. We, the people at Front Street Apartments, are diverse in all socio-economic backgrounds but conscientious. dignified and respectful. It is a safe haven, well managed by compassionate and experienced personnel. Not all of us are eloquent in our presentations, not all of us are computer literate or able to communicate well, but we are all humans with our basic needs of appropriate housing and care. A survey conducted reveals adult resident age groups from 25 - 70+ as well as families with babies, toddlers and school age children. Do you want me (at 70) and others to be camping on the street? The waitlists for affordable housing vary from 5-8 years and already lists are overflowing for available places in all locations of the island. How in God's name do you think we can move our humble possessions to another location? Not everyone has transportation (e.g. cars) - I don't. I at least can still walk to a bus stop or to the store but many are confined only to their abodes. The new Kahoma development across the road (Kenui Street) is under construction and there is no shelter available there, also no affordable rentals. There used to be access for the homeless. Are you willing to see old folk and families on the streets of Lahaina? Whilst I and others are writing in good faith, we have not been advised of the (anonymous) new "owner's" name - we are at his and his corporation's mercy. Just like the old feudal lords in England and the plantation owners here, whose

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT - RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
(SPECIFICALLY FRONT STREET APARTMENTS - LAHAINA, MAUI)**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. My name is Anna Barbeau, I am a consistent voting, tax paying resident of Maui County since 1968. Single, I have worked to self support in the visitor industry, sales, an educator for DOE 20 years. I have found it increasingly difficult to secure housing within my means. Front St. Affordable Housing, built in 2001, became my affordable residence in 2007. Having researched it's status, it posted online a term of 50 yrs. as Affordable Housing for our deserving working class, retirees on fixed incomes, some disabled, and was under the umbrella of HUD. Feeling secure in the future, I became a tenant understanding this would be my last residence due to advancing age. I would only vacate my unit, 'feet first'. Moving is traumatic, and a forced move even worse. It is also cost prohibitive. There are between 250-300 tenants residing in this Affordable complex. Working families with children, employed single parents as well. Studies and common sense show that young children experience insecurities when uprooted from their schools, classmates, friends and all that has become familiar when forced to relocate. For children of single parents, the early loss of a parent doubles this unstable foundation which can easily lead to early involvement into drug experimentation and petty crime. This is fact and it knows no economic status. For the aged, it is a crushing, hopeless feeling of despair as a fixed income an inability to pack belongings search hopelessly for unavailable residences lead to defeat. There is nowhere to go. We became tenants under false pretenses regarding the 50 yr. term of security and WE WERE NEVER informed otherwise. To be used as space holders for income for 10 yrs. only to be disposed of in favor of outside private investor financial gains cannot be allowed. At time of this offer to sell the leasehold, it was ONLY presented to Oahu who did not have enough funds. Our West side Representatives (Council members Elle Cochran, Don Guzman and others) were NOT INFORMED and state (view videotaped Maui County Council Meeting 12/1/16) They had/have funds in the County's coffers which, combined with State funds, could have, WOULD have bought the leasehold. This needs now to be done in view of not putting 250-300 residents onto the streets and onto already stressed social services. It will be by all accounts less costly to keep FRONTS ST. AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS as is, rather than spending even more money to acquire land, and finance the building of more complexes. Our infrastructure and schools are at critical mass. FSA is already here and working. PLEASE consider your constituents. We ask that you perform your honored public service we all respectfully believe you capable of doing well. Thank you. Anna Barbeau and Gung Hee Fat Choy Anna Barbeau [annamaui2008@yahoo.com]

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Kristen Koba-Burdtd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Maui resident, I strongly support SB1266 and commend the legislature for taking this important action to maintain affordable housing.

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maria linz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is imperative that Front Street Apartments remain affordable. To remove this quantity of affordable housing in Lahaina, when any housing, let alone affordable housing is extremely hard to come by currently, it would have devastating effects on the community.

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more affordable rentals. We are in an affordable housing crisis in Maui and especially in Lahaina. It is compounding the traffic during rush hour because no one that works in West Maui can afford to live in West Maui. We need workers to staff the hotels and restaurants that serve the tourist that visit. We need affordable rentals and affordable housing in perpetuity, we can't afford to loose any of what we already have because we are in a desperate need for more. The quality of life for residents and the quality of experience for visitors is at stake. Kaanapali brings in more tourist dollars per square foot than anywhere else in the State we need housing. Please act now to save the Front st. apartments, to help West Maui.

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Lauren Ampolos	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I've lived on Maui for 8 years and can't afford to buy a house. Rent keeps going up every year between \$100-200/mo Please pass this bill and bring us affordable housing to rent and buy. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify

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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

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Kathryn Snyder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kathryn Snyder 1122 Kenui Circle Lahaina, HI 96761 281-6909 I am 81 years old and have live at FSA for 11+ years. I had planned to live here for the rest of my life. It would be very difficult to find another place in Lahaina that is so convenient to everything at a price that I could afford. The thought of having to move is just overwhelming to me. Please help my neighbors stay at FSA. Thank you. s

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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JANET DRAPER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: JANET DRAPER = 808-214-0247 I am a 72 year old female senior citizen, living alone at the Front Street Apartments. I have been a resident there since they were built 15 years ago, and thought I would be here until the end of my life. To have to think about moving has been so stressful to me. But the prospect of paying DOUBLE rent in 2 years, which is what is proposed by the owner, is beyond my comprehension. Living on Social Security and a small pension this would be IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME. I respectfully ask that you do all in your power to keep the Front Street Apartment in Lahaina AFFORDABLE for us low income SENIORS and families.

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alex gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep this affordable. Almost 5 years ago we were homeless and I thank god we were able to get in. We as poor Hawaiian s need more places in Lahaina that people can afford. So please leave it as is.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mrs Evette Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To the Powers that Be, Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. Aloha, my name is Evette Green. I am an original tenant here at Front St., Apts. My husband, Godfrey Green is a born and raised Mauian. We have been married for 25 years and have two children. Jett, 15, is a 10th grader at Lahainaluna High School and Ace, 12, is home schooled. Having decided to raise children here we knew the only place we could give our family a real chance was Font St., Apt. It is because of this place we have been able to be productive consumers in society. We have been able to fuel the local economy with the ability to pay our own way. We have been able to give back to the community with volunteering and spearheading events. I have made it a priority to make Front St., Apts. a community by hosting events such as clean up day and outdoor movie nights for all tenants in the complex. Having our rent more than double will price my family out of the market and our home and stability will be threatened. Front St., Apts. is a model example of what the housing should be like in Hawaii. I humbly ask you to consider maintaining this complex for the health of our Ohana and all who benefit. Evete Green

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Front St., Apts. is a model example of what the housing should be like in Hawaii. I humbly ask you to consider maintaining this complex for the health of our Ohana and all who benefit.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Delzer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have lived at Front St. Apartments for 13yrs. I am a hard working single female which means I don't have a significant other to help share in my expenses. This community is quiet and respectful of others. We keep this property clean. If this property becomes no longer affordable I will either 1) be homeless and have to live down at the harbor with all the crack heads and get food stamps and go to the soup kitchen and accept the free groceries weekly from the state or 2) have to quit my job of over 10yrs and move back to Ca. with my parents. Please.... I'm 50 yrs old. Don't make me lose all that I have established and accomplished on this island. I've paid my dues and have earned the right to live here and this affordable housing is the key to my success. Please continue to allow Front St. Apartments to be "Affordable" indefinitely. I beg of you. Mahalo, Michelle

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Matthew Britt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help keep Front Street Apartments affordable indefinitely. Matthew Britt

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Front Street Apts has lost its' affordable status. Over 300 residents w/families, disabled, seniors & many low income taxpayers have no place to move to & who cannot pay the higher, often doubled rents. Please help us find a way to return status to affordable in perpetuity. Sincerely, Nancy A Silva, 822 Kenui Circle, Lahaina, HI

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Kimberley Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE ensure that Front Street Apartments remain "affordable" in perpetuity. Many families and individuals can only live on Maui because the complex is low-cost, subsidized housing. Many will end up homeless and the cost of public assistance to help them will be more costly to the county and state than the subsidies for the affordable housing.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ace Green, Son of Evette Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha to you who are reading this now. Thank you for taking a moment to hear me out. My name is Ace Green. I am 12. I am frightened by the thought of losing our home because the rent will double and price us out of our home. My parents have tried to give me a wonderful life here at Front St. Apts. I have lived here my whole life and have fond memories of the events my parents have had for the entire complex. It is a community not a housing site. I have friends and family who live here and they are also worried. I have a learning disability and because my Mom and Dad can afford to live here, they have made my life better by home schooling me and giving me the best chance at life. If you vote in favor of these two bills I think that when you go to bed that night you should know, in your heart, that you are a superhero in my eyes. And you won't be saving just my family but the entire community here at Front St. Apts. Thank you very much, Ace Green

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Denise L Martinez	Individual	Support	No

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Cambria Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting this bill. We are a young family of four. My husband and I both work on the west side. By living in Front Street Apartments as an affordable housing, we are able to actual live by our work places (hotels) and care for our young children. Our wages do not match the market value and we will be forced to move elsewhere, either across island adding to more traffic problems or off island which we would prefer not to. Please keep Front Street Apartments affordable.

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Ralph Yanagawa	Individual	Support	No

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kai nishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please save these apartments!

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Subject: Tuesday 2-7-2017 This is MY TESTIMONY-SUPPORT FOR BILLS:(SB1266)(HB1553) Front Street Apartments Lahaina 96761

Importance: High

Aloha, This is MY TESTIMONY-SUPPORT FOR BILLS:(SB1266)(HB1553) [For:Front Street Apartments to remain affordable indefinitely.]

I leased my 1BR/1BA unfurnished apartment at Front Street Apts.in May 2006 & my monthly rent in the last 10 years has increased by 60%. Average of 6% per year. This is now a little over 1/2 of my monthly Retirement Social Security Income to date & with no cost of living allowance for 2015 &'16, for 2017 my: COLA allowance is:(0.3%) \$4.66 rounded up by S.S. to \$5. per month or \$60. per year.

If Front Street Apts. is allowed to be removed from their: Affordable Housing Program; at current HUD rental rates for Maui, my monthly rent would double & be more than my monthly SS income.

The USA Conforming Mortgage Guidelines are that your housing cost should be no more than 25% of your annual gross income.

I'm 78 yrs old & I have been a resident of Maui since APRIL/1984 & I'm a US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS VETERAN. I have planed to spend my remaining life time on Maui. My F.S.A. address is:[1104 Kenui Circle, Lahaina, HI 96761-2354]

Mahalo & Aloha,

Ray M Rogers Phone: 808 662-0022

Email: rayrogers.onmaui@hawaiiantel.net

PS:Senator Roz Baker: Mahalo. I still have & use my: Roz Baker for State Senator
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natalie	Individual	Support	No

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Kathryn Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the efforts to keep Front St Apartments as affordable housing.

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Shannon Manibog	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Brooking	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My concern today is for the lower income locals who currently live at Front Street Apartments. I personally know one family and one single person there who could be looking at homelessness if forced to move out. These are people who have no other options. It's not as if the County is overflowing with affordable housing opportunities. We are already in a crisis and I respectfully urge you to TAKE ACTION and address this shameful situation as the emergency that it is. The people of Hawaii depend on you to be their advocates and not allow big money, outside money, to run roughshod over them. Mahalo.

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RE: Bills SB1266 and HB 1553

Dear Legislators:

I have been a responsible resident of Front Street Apartments since 2005. My rent is \$1,161 for a 2 bedroom 2 bath unit. In the 12 years I have lived there, I have fulfilled my financial obligations despite it being very difficult to do so for several years after the 2008 recession. Although I have recovered and am now able to pay my rent comfortably, I would not be able to afford "market rate" rents estimated at around double my current rent.

Until the sale of FSA, I was contented with the idea of being a life-long renter, especially considering the price to buy a home here has also been out of reach for me. Fortunately, the announcements of the Makila Kai and Kahoma Village developments have given me a little hope that I may be able to own a decent home on Maui after all, and this news about FSA has been the catalyst for me to take more serious steps toward buying a home.

However, for many of my neighbors, homeownership is still not an option and neither is finding another affordable rental because there just aren't any left in West Maui (they're all full or have long waitlists)! There are families, the elderly, and those who are disabled who will be forced to crowd into extended families' homes or otherwise join the ever-growing homeless population.

There are so many who need affordable rental homes. For some, it will allow them to save up for homeownership. For others, it has and will be all they can afford for generations. As limited as affordable housing already is, it is so upsetting to know that there are those who would take any of it away for the sake of greed. Please pass bills SB1266, HB 1553 and any future efforts to keep Front Street Apartments affordable in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Tara-Lynn Kahaialii

703 Kenui Circle

Lahaina, HI 96761

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Peter Power	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill i have lived on Maui for 29 years and still cannot afford to purchase property. i have lived at front st. apts with my wife and children since it opened and will not be able make my rent if prices increase.Affordable housing is really needed here for familys in the service industry. I own a small cabinet shop on the west side and with the shop rent and electric as well as rent at our apt. we as a family are barely able to make rent with the prices as they are. An increase will put us under. Thanks for your consideration on this matter vote in support of sb1266

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jami Power	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Affordable housing for Front Street Apartments in Lahaina should remain as such, affordable. When permits are allotted to developers because affordable housing is promised, it should remain as such indefinitely. This protects the interests of the renters some of which will be rendered homeless if this bill does not pass. Also what kind of precedence is set taking advantage of the county and state during the permitting process by developers, if they can change their minds later. Thank you, Jami Power 808-661-1704

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Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Jennifer Mather and I currently reside in Lahaina on the West Side of Maui. I support the preservation of the affordability of the Front Street apartments. Without these apartments being kept affordable in perpetuity for our low-income community members, West Maui will see an epidemic rise in homelessness and our already taxed affordable housing (what little we currently have) will be negligible. Those of us who have found something that we can afford but still takes up 60%+++ of our monthly income, will find our own rents raised as the demand grows greater. We, ourselves, will be forced into homelessness or made to leave the area or even the state. As a Kanaka Maoli this is a bleak, and yet very real, outlook. Humbly submitted in support of the State of Hawaii acquiring and using the Front Street apartments as low-income housing in perpetuity for the residents of Maui County. Jennifer Mather 441 Dickenson Street Lahaina, HI 96761

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Michele Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Facing the possibility of homelessness is terrifying. Rental increases of the Front Street Apartments will displace residents causing homelessness and oppression. The cost to the community will be great financially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are connected and this issue affects us all. I witnessed a Christmas gathering attended by the residents of that apartment complex. I was hoping to rally them to fight for there homes and see if I could be of help to them regarding there situation. What I found were elderly folks enjoying the food and fellowship, families laughing and playing, children telling "Santa Clause" what they wanted for Christmas. I didn't have the heart to even bring up the subject. I realized these people are in need of champions. They are struggling with the efforts of daily existence and the challenges that life brings. You can be there champion! It is within your purview to do what is right. Keep this property affordable in perpetuity. Community land trust concepts could be a viable alternative. Habitat for Humanity and Na Hale O Maui could be included in the affordable home ownership on leasehold property. Thank you for doing your part in protecting homes that are greatly needed. Thank

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Ratna Heilscher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony by Ratna Heilscher
Tenant at Front Street Apt.
Email:ratnasukaryo@hotmail.com

Aloha from Maui.

My name is Ratna Sukaryo. My family live at Front Street Apartment. Both my husband and I are working as Educational Assistant at King Kamehameha III Elementary School. We have one child who goes to Lahainaluna High School as a nine grader and doing very well with his grade. There is a serious shortage of affordable rentals in West Maui. We have live in Front Street Apartment for 14 years and we really can't afford to live anywhere else. Please keep Front Street Apartment affordable.

Thank you.

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Kelsey Shultz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a single mother raising two children without any welfare help. I have worked in the same dental office for 20+ years and given back to our community whenever I can. This apartment complex has given us not just a affordable place to live, but a community/family of amazing hard working people. I don't really know what will happen to all of us if this complex goes to market rates. Many people will be homeless!! WEST MAUI NEEDS MORE REAL affordable housing for working people. Average people CAN'T afford the LOW INCOME housing to purchase. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. MAHALO!

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Tom Tran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep the Front Street Apartments remain affordable indefinitely.

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Sergio Serna	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please allow front street apartments to remain affordable

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Mai Vu-Tran	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Elizabeth Clapper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help to save our affordable housing at Front Street Apartments in Lahaina. I am a single mother who relies heavily on the lower rent to raise my kids and have a safe place to live. We have been here for 8 years and are so grateful and happy here. There are many families here and elderly people who will be forced to move out if the rents are raised. Many, like myself, cannot afford market rates and may end up homeless. This housing is so important for our community and needs to continue. Thank you, Elizabeth Clapper

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Joseph T. X. Vu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep the Front Street Apartments remain affordable indefinitely.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Massa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many Families live in this Complex who rely on it being an Affordable dwelling. Woman and children, elderly, disabled, dying, Babies too. People who make this community. Please help these people and vote this bill through. The Front Street Apartments were originally set up to give back to the community. What has changed in the past fifteen years I can not fathom. But what ever has changed is a terrible tragedy and needs to be corrected.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mariana Landeros	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a single mother that has lives at Front Street Apartments since it first open over 15 years ago, when we moved here my son was only 8 months old, this is the only place he has called home, he is now 16 years old. I can't explain how stress I am that we probably won't have a home in couple years., at what the rent prices are right now we'll probably end up homeless.He will be graduating from Lahainaluna in two years,I want him to pursue a college degree not have to worry that his mom is living on the street. **FRONT STREET APARTMENTS NEED TO REMAIN AFFORDABLE INDEFINITELY.**

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Marialejandra Pocaterra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Many of us Front Street Apartments renters are hard working families with bottom incomes I myself, live on Maui since 2003 I am a single mom of a 5 year old, survivor of domestic violence, managing two jobs to have meets ends because my child's father refuses to help raised his kid. Between the Government help and my income I have been able to support my child by myself for five years, having the opportunity to live here at Front Street Apartments where my son loves to play with his neighbors friends at the playground, where the Elementary School is at the end of Front Street, here where we live a good quality life, safe with dignity, solidarity and a brighter future was possible until now..suddenly this future was shatter to pieces, my son notice the stress that this situation cause to me and he is on distress repeting me "please mommy I dont want to move out, I want to goto school with my friends" ...It breaks my heart and shadows his future with the sole thought of having to move out with my child sets the fear that We may even have to be homeless if the current plan comes to fruition.

The households of this complex are either famiies with young kids or senior adults, some dissable who are not able to pay a higer rent, many of us live here for five, fifteen years or more. I appeal to the common sense of all decision makers to please help us by respecting our seniority maintaining our current rent and homes as it is now ,in perpetuity for the future generations, in my case this is the maximun I can afford. I understand busines is busines, but we are dealing with people`s lives here.

Can we please do this together?, can we agree and work as a team on a solution that is viable and we all win by finding a happy medium for all and forever, affordable housing Is a priority and an issue that affect us all at many levels, individualy, socially and moraly, our dignitty as a person and right to be happy can not be taken lighly, your decision will have a ripple effect on all of us west Maui residents , and ultimatly our children and disperse families are the ones who will suffer the consequences. Malama Pono, do what is right.

Lets keep our Values possitive , because our Values becomes our Destiny in gratitude and respect for each other lives.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
gabriel manriquez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: we are young couple who were born here on the islands, we are a young married couple married for 4 years with a beautiful family of 4, a 3year old boy and 1year old daughter. seeking anything nearly affordable is not only extremely hard but extremely competitive. please help, we are very hard working and pay our taxes we just wish for this kind of mentality regarding "vacation rentals" come to balance, its clearly imbalanced. please help keep front st. apts remain affordable and bring more affordable options to hawaii. mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Solomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of SB1266. Currently we have a huge lack of affordable housing on Maui. In addition many residents, including myself, are having a difficult time making ends meet financially. Many native Hawaiians have had to move to the mainland because they cannot afford to live here anymore. We need help to have access to affordable housing. This bill gives state funding to purchase Front St. Apartments and keep them affordable. Please support this bill. Also, please approve language which would keep these apartments affordable in perpetuity. Mahalo, Paul Solomon

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stan franco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that, when government funding or tax credits are used for a housing project, that project should be affordable long term (50 or more years). Otherwise, we will continue to have affordable housing projects going to market like Front Street Apartments. I support this legislation.

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Ronda Pali	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments:

February 8, 2017

Aloha Committee,

I am a fourth-year resident of Front Street Apartments. I was blessed with this place to live after renting from several other private landlords. I am disabled, with a limited income. I also have a service animal which makes housing even more challenging.

Affordable housing in West Maui is scarce, if at all possible to find. Most residences which are advertised at an affordable rate in this area do not include private baths and usually no kitchen or appliances. Realty agencies which advertise rentals (South Shore Realty, for example) also state boldly in their ads that they do not accept HUD. So, besides sub-standard options being offered as top-dollar rentals, housing discrimination is also alive and thriving in West Maui.

Before I became disabled in 2010, I was a professional hairdresser and business owner. Even with a reasonable income, we had to live in shared housing. The low-income options that we explored were also unfriendly toward my service animal and often required strict qualifications. Honokowai Villas turned us down because my son (who lives in Oregon) MIGHT return home, and so had to be included in our household. This put us over the occupancy limit.

I was also offered an apartment at the complex behind Na Hale 'o Wainee in Lahaina. After proving my existence through a strict intake process including multiple trips to Wailuku, I was waiting to receive my new lease and keys. When they did not arrive, I inquired and was informed that my co-signer didn't have a good enough credit score. There was no official notification.

As a 9-year volunteer for The Salvation Army in Lahaina, I can attest: People who experience housing crisis often become desperate as they strive to keep important documents at hand and food in their bodies. I was once one of these with keiki in tow. We had to rely on agencies like TSA, Na Hale 'o Wainee, Family Life Center and The Maui Food Bank to meet our basic needs.

I cannot express what it has meant to me to live in a clean, safe, and well managed apartment. I am able to focus on rehabilitation.

My current HUD subsidy only protects me partially from these imminent rent increases. I will be forced to pay the difference once the market rent for my apartment exceeds the HUD maximum payment.

Poverty is increased when affordable housing is decreased. Our community is suffering a housing shortage, and particularly in need of affordable housing. The high cost of housing is creating advanced poverty situations in Lahaina.

Please stop the rent increases at Front Street Apartments until a complete research finding on Housing and Poverty in West Maui is submitted and presented for public approval. Without a minimum standard of housing for our residents, what hope is there for us?

Malama Pono

With Sincere Concern,

Ronda Colleen Pali

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LARA TAAMU	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: aloha My name is Lara Taamu and I am very grateful to have lived at Front St Apt since 2003. I have raised 4 children as a single parent since 2013, ages 22, 19, 14 and 12. I have received less than \$500 in child support since the divorce and am the sole provider. My income 2016 was \$24,500. I do not receive HUD assistance because their list has been closed for years and I am currently attempting to apply for housing assistance. I have not had a car since the divorce 2013 and I am able to support and provide for my family because of Front St Apt's affordable rent and location in central Lahania town that allows me to walk to work and walk all groceries home. Currently, I am not able to afford a car or any increase in rent, I currently pay \$949 for a two bedrooms. My goal is to maintain residency at this location so that my youngest child can graduate from Lahainaluna HS as his older siblings have. This is the only residence my children have known and raising the children in this neighborhood has allowed them to be safe and have the experience of trusting neighbors and security that eludes a family after a divorce and absent father. I have been able to have my children experience the security of their home because this unit is affordable and although I can not afford a car I have been able to afford the rent at \$949. An increase in rent will force my two sons and I to move into a studio apt. and I am not prepared to describe the hardships that would create. My two sons (8th and 6th grade) are honor straight A students. The stress of losing the only home they know will affect their future. My sons are so happy to be in their home that when I entered a contest to win a million dollars, my youngest said to me "if we win can we still live here". With him telling me he wouldn't want to leave even if we could afford a house makes me see how wonderful this home is to my child. Please ensure that families like mine can maintain this sense of security and pride without the fears of low income. Thank You very much for allowing me to share my experience as a long time tenant of Front St Apt. Mahalo - Lara Taamu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jack a holmes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: hello, my name is jack holmes, resident at front st apartments in lahaina for 4 years. i moved here because it was affordable housing and i was accepted here in a one bedroom. i work full time in lahaina, and dont know where i would live and where i can afford. My hopes for everyone that lives here now is that this property will stay affordable housing. And we also need more affordable housing for other families. thank you for your concern. mahalo and aloha jack holmes

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walter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha and Greetings from Lahaina: My name is Walter Jones. I am a tenant at Front Street Apartments (#801). My current rent is one-half of my retirement income. Another rent increase will force me to leave Maui. We, the Front Street residents, serve the west Maui tourism economy, our county and our state. I believe, the long-term personal, active business, tourist support, and community support contributions of Front Street residents are more valuable to you, our elected representatives, and our state economy, than the short-term market driven forces at hand. I support the Maui economy by providing care for my 99-year old mother, and two grandchildren. My daughter could not work and serve the west Maui community without my help. I am just one of hundreds of Front Street residents who serve the Maui economy! Let your council be remembered for both compassion and long-term business sense by helping preserve and protect your personal investment and the people here at Front Street! Walter Jones, resident Front Street Apartments, #801, Lahaina, HI 96761

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Melissa Ingram	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am asking for your help to please keep Front Street Apartments affordable indefinitely! There are so many of us who work full times jobs just to barley get buy. If this does not stay affordable there will be many unfortunate families homeless, including myself! Please help us keep our homes and families together! Mahalo for your time Melissa Ingram resident of Front Street Apartments

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Interesting to see the different perspectives regarding "affordable" How confusing that two "affordable housing projects" are slated and/or in process in Lahaina area: Kahoma Village on Front Street in Lahaina and Makila Kai in Launiupoko. Please note that neither of these two projects offer rental units, only "for sale" housing. Taking a quote directly from promo to buy: "permitting for the new 'affordable projects' prohibit short term rentals and the owners have come together to provide "real affordable housing to our...friends and neighbors." I would like to attempt to clarify this quote. Senior citizens on a limited income living at Front Street Apartments, are wondering how we can qualify for the one of the two new "affordable projects". This is important why? Because those of us who live in the 142 unit complex of Front Street Apartments are going to be forced to move out on August 2019, when the owners find that they are no longer required to offer "affordable housing" to the folks who live here including over 300 working class families with children doing well in Lahaina schools, disabled, seniors on fixed incomes and just low income folks with "no west side affordable tenancy options". So, the question in our minds is how do we qualify to PURCHASE one of the new "affordable units"? What would it take for us to qualify for a loan for an "affordable unit"? Would a financial institution even consider us for a loan so that we could purchase say a low end \$251,580 unit? What would the down payment be for such a loan; should we assume it would be 10 percent down, or \$25,158? Would we low income tenants have \$25,158 in savings that we could use as a down payment? Would you know any private party who would: 1) lend us the down payment of \$25,158 AND cosign for us on a 20 year mortgage for the remainder of \$226,422 plus interest at the current market rate for a "fixed" loan? So if you knowledgeable government officials could please support and pass SB 1266 and HB 1533, with your support I, a senior citizen, may finish the sunset of my life at Front Street Affordable Apartments. Mahalo for your concern, Chi P. Guyer (apt.#821)

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Our manager at front street apartments, Lahaina, Randi Arebaugh, (rarebaugh@cirrusami.com) (808 870 4920) has informed me that end of august 2019, the front street apartments will no longer be categorized as "affordable units, tax credit" as the owners have fulfilled their contractual responsibilities and have been released by the State as of 8/2016 so they can offer new vacancies of one bedroom units at the fair market rate of \$1,400/month plus tax. and, apparently, this rate can continue to rise based upon the "fair market rate". the current tenants will be grandfathered in as they are presently contracted including HUD participants until august 2019. the original contract was for the complex to become "affordable housing" for the next 50 years when the complex was built in 2001. is there any way to help us keep that status as affordable housing on the West Side of Maui is in extremely short supply? (offering contract for sale attached) The pressing question of the 142 apartment tenants is "what rights do tenants have in a situation such as this; and is it possible to help we existing tenants to continue at our present monthly rates so that the owners can still rent vacant apartments at whatever rate the market will bear?" many of us (families, seniors, single folks, etc.) have lived here for a long time and are on a limited income (some since the complex opened in 2001). if there is any way in which you can assist us, please let me know as this is a very heavy subject for low income folks like myself as the issue becomes "where can we move from here? or are we going to become homeless"? sincerely and mahalo for listening, chi pilialoha guyer, tenant 821 kenui circle, front street apartments lahaina, HI 96761

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chi guyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: aloha, please help save front street apartments in lahaina as "affordable" housing as the 142 units affect families with children, seniors, disabled and generally low income folks with no place to relocate. thanks, chi pilialoha guyer

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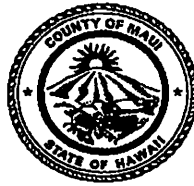
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chiguyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SB1266 Relating to Affordable Housing

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT OF SB1266**.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) or any entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support this bill for the following reasons:

- The current residents of the apartments are comprised of below 60% & below 50% of the Area Median Income for Maui County. Some are disabled and/or elderly. They represent our most vulnerable population.
- Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025. There are very little affordable rental options in Maui County. If the current residents were to lose their units, there are virtually no other affordable rental units for them to move to. Many could become homeless.
- Maui County has a limited number of shelters which are typically at full capacity. There is no adequate shelter space to accommodate displaced residents of the Front Street Apartment project.

We are hopeful that the State will be able to negotiate to acquire the property so that the 142 very low income individuals and families are able to remain in their units.

I urge you to strongly support SB1266.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Ann Koyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of SB1266. We need affordable housing! We are getting priced out of our homes. The people that live at Front Street Apartments are working class families that work hard for every penny they earn. These apartments provide them a home at a rate that they can afford without worrying about how to pay for other utilities. Families need a place to call home. They need a dwelling that houses just their family and not a place where multiple families have to live just to pay the rent or lease. Please you must approve this bill so that these families dont get priced out of paradise like so many already have.

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Sharon Watari	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Born and raised Lahaina and with the cost of living here, our kids needs affordable housing here. My son resides at the Front Strret apartments and is barely making ends meet. Working as a food runner at \$10 an hour, he won't be able to pay the market cost. Please, please don't take away the roof over our children's heads. We actually need more affordable housing for the local people on Maui! Mahalo for your time!

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Arika Rains	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill will help hundreds of families who are very involved in our small community stay in a safe and affordable rent housing which is extremely needed here in Lahaina. There are so many measures trying to be taken to fix the expensive rents here in Lahaina how could you even think of taking one large one away??? This is outrageous and ridiculous that these people will basically have to move to another city or state to get the help they need to survive on our small incomes here. Please pass this bill to protect them.

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George Burnette	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing as a concerned citizen in support of this bill SB1266. Any action that will help keep our local families in homes, sheltered and safe to me should be a priority. Thank you for considering my testimony and supporting bill SB1266.

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