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June 26, 2025

Ms. Kate Blystone, Director  
Department of Planning  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Blystone:

**SUBJECT: BILL 9 (2025), AMENDING CHAPTERS 19.12, 19.32, AND 19.37, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS IN APARTMENT DISTRICTS (HLU-4)**

May I please request your response to the following:

1. As it relates to enforcement against illegal transient vacation rentals:
  - a. Please provide for each fiscal year, from Fiscal Year 2020 through Fiscal Year 2025, to date, the following:
    - i. The dollar amount the Department has spent enforcing illegal TVRs.
    - ii. The number of illegal TVRs identified.
    - iii. The number of illegal TVRs against which the Department took enforcement action. If this number differs from the number identified, please explain.
    - iv. The dollar amount collected in fines from illegal TVR operators.
  - b. What is the Department's process for identifying and enforcing against illegal TVRs, including any specific criteria a property

must meet before action is taken. If any criteria may prevent the Department from enforcing against an illegal TVR, provide the criteria and explain why it prevents enforcement.

2. How does the Department determine and confirm whether an Apartment District property may be used as a TVR? Does the Department review any documents and applications submitted for Special Management Area assessments and use permits for the property? If the Department does not review SMA-related documents and applications when determining and confirming a property may be used as a TVR, please explain why.
3. In your correspondence dated November 22, 2024, transmitting your Department's report and the planning commissions' recommendations on Bill 9, you summarized concerns and questions raised by each commission. Please provide your comments and responses to the commissions' concerns and questions.
4. In your correspondence dated May 22, 2025, you provided five properties with a zoning or community plan designation in addition to their Apartment zoning designation that would allow for transient vacation rental uses. You recommended that the Council consider land use designation changes if the Council wanted to exclude the properties from Bill 9.
  - a. Does your Department support excluding these properties? Please explain.
  - b. Please provide alternatives to land use designation changes the Council may consider to exclude these properties from Bill 9.

May I further request you be prepared to provide a verbal response at the Committee's reconvened meeting of **July 2 2025**, in addition to transmitting a written response to [hlu.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:hlu.committee@mauicounty.us) by **July 2, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, or Jennifer Yamashita at ext. 7143).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tasha Kama", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

TASHA KAMA, Chair  
Housing and Land Use Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

## HLU Committee

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**From:** HLU Committee  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2025 4:35 PM  
**To:** Kate Blystone  
**Cc:** HLU Committee; Tasha A. Kama; joy.paredes@co.maui.hi.us; Michelle Santos; 'Zeke Kalua'  
**Subject:** Bill 9 (2025), Relating to Transient Vacation Rentals in Apartment Districts; reply by 07/02/2025 (HLU-4)  
**Attachments:** 00apl02-s-TK.pdf

**Director Blystone:** Please refer to the attached letter from the Housing and Land Use Committee Chair, dated June 26, 2025. Please respond by **July 2, 2025**.

**Mayor's Office:** Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Thank you,  
HLU Committee Staff