

LU Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:50 PM
To: County Clerk; LU Committee
Subject: Committee Report 17-39, Amendments to Section 19.65, Short-Term Rental Homes

Dear Chair White and Maui County Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to adopt pending legislation requiring applicants for short-term rental home (STRH) permits to have owned the dwelling unit for at least five years prior to the date of application. You'll be voting on this matter on March 24, 2017. I wish to applaud the Land Use Committee for conducting a thorough review of the matter on March 8, 2017, for your sound amendments to the bill, and recommendation of approval.

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as a planner for the County of Maui, Department of Planning
for more than twelve years
. Approximately ninety percent of my
time is spent processing applications for STRH and bed & breakfast (B&B) permits. I frequently field calls from long-term tenants in crisis because they've been notified by their landlord of intention to apply for STRH. I am asked for help, and I have no help to offer, which is distressing. I also take many calls from eager mainland and international would-be purchasers asking how they can apply for a STRH permit.
Everyone want to cash in on Maui.

We are out of balance. I am acquainted with County employees who live out of a car because they cannot find affordable housing. It was recently reported that approximately forty percent of the properties sold in Maui County were sold to off shore purchasers. There are no controls on rent, so many landlords, particularly those owners who do not live here, raise rents sky high.

Please, take this one small step, and put the brakes on

STRH proliferation, by requiring five year ownership prior to application, while we continue to seek solutions to the affordable housing crisis. This is reasonable requirement that would prevent rampant speculation. I would be happy to discuss this matter further any time.

Mahalo nui loa,

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