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Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:06 AM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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I urge you to stand with Lāhainā Strong and pass Bill 9.

#### Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.

Sincerely,

Sven Sorge

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From:
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evolved <smveno@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:17 AM HLU Committee Support of Bill 9

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Sincerely,

Susan M. Veno

From: Sent: To: Subject: Pearl Brown <pearlinewbrown@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:20 AM HLU Committee Bill 9

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Sincerely, Pearl Brown

Berkeley, CA

From:	d g <danilfrisco@gmail.com></danilfrisco@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:32 AM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Support Bill 9

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Sincerely, Danielle Guion Maka-kilo, O'ahu, Hawai'i

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From:	Alexandra Perez Urbina Reveron <alexpurr@gmail.com></alexpurr@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:37 AM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Subject line: Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee,

As a tourist of Hawai'i and as a person who loves the island and the people of it, I'm writing in **<u>strong</u>** <u>**support of Bill 9**</u>, which would phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned districts. This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis and protecting our most vital resource: water.

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Sincerely, Alexandra Perez Urbina, Portland, OR

## Alexandra Perez Urbina

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

- Greek proverb

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Sincerely,

Tanya Gabriel, MA, LMHC, NCC Mental Health Counselor and Mindfulness Instructor C: 808-269-5996 <u>Mauimindfulness@gmail.com</u> <u>https://www.mauimindfulness.org/</u>

From:	Su Wong <suwongyoga@gmail.com></suwongyoga@gmail.com>
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То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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#### Ola i ka Wai – Water is Life.

Sincerely, Susan Wong Kāne'ohe, O'ahu, Hawai'i

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From:
Sent:
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michelle archuleta <seashellsmichelle@yahoo.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:06 AM HLU Committee Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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# Sample Testimony in Support of Bill 9

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Thank you, Michelle Archuleta

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dennis O'Shea <oshea606@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:11 AM HLU Committee Bill 9

I support this bill. West Maui residents need homes. Please pass this bill. Mahalo, Dennis O'Shea Lahaina

From:	
Sent:	
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Subject:	

Jodi Rodar <hooppole@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:23 AM HLU Committee Please Support Bill 9

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee, I am writing with deep concern to express my strong support for Bill 9, this bill would phase out shortterm rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned districts. This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis and protecting our most vital resource: water.

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I ask you to stand with Lāhainā Strong and pass Bill 9.

Thank you for your time regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jodi Rodar

From: Sent: To: Subject: Melissa Goodheart <goodhearthealing@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:35 AM HLU Committee Maui Bill 9

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Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.

Sincerely, Melissa Goodheart Kaimuki, Oahu

From: Sent: To: Subject: Christopher McCullough <criddermcc@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:39 AM HLU Committee Support of Bill 9

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Water rights in Hawaii historically were managed and considered sacred, as water feeds the lohi which fed the people! For too long moneyed entities (Plantation, large scale developers of hotels, golf courses and planned upscale neighborhoods) have not shared in the Hawaiian value of equally sharing water. The time to create fairness and equality of this issue is now for West Maui and all of our island communities!

#### Ola i ka Wai – Water is Life.

Sincerely, Christopher McCullough, Ahupua'a o Palolo, Ka'imuki, Hawai'i

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Georgia Hoopes <hoopesgeorgia@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:52 AM HLU Committee Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Sincerely,

Georgia Hoopes

Kalaheo

From:	
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Annie Hart <annalise.inez@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:57 AM HLU Committee Support for Bill 9

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Sincerely,

Annalise Hart

Princeville, Kaua'i, Hawaii

From: Sent: To: 김동현 <ehdgus2848@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 11:04 AM HLU Committee

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**Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.** Sincerely, Kimdonghyeon

From:	Serafina Gajate <sgajate@yahoo.com></sgajate@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 11:37 AM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Sincerely,

Serafina Gajate

From:	Paula Ashton <paula.ashton@gmail.com></paula.ashton@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 12:33 PM
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Sincerely,

Paula Ashton

From:	Glenn Choy <choyhawaii@gmail.com></choyhawaii@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 12:51 PM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re Bill 9

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Pass the bill. Maui for Mauians, not offshore profiteers! Sent from my iPhone

From:	
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Sarah Amandes <sarah.amandes@yahoo.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 3:54 PM HLU Committee Public comment on Bill 9

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I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9, which would phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartmentzoned districts. This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis and protecting your most vital resource: water.

I have in the past visited Hawaii and stayed in STRs, unaware of the harm it could be doing. I now know that while tourism is important, local communities have to be protected. Tourists like me who value what makes Maui special will have to put our money where our mouth is and pay a premium, not treat these islands as disposable. It is the only way to keep Maui's beautiful land and people healthy in the long term.

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Sincerely, Sarah Amandes An American in London

From:	Susan Stayton <susan.stayton@gmail.com></susan.stayton@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 5:25 PM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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I'm writing in **strong support of Bill 9**, which would phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartmentzoned districts. This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis and protecting your most vital resource: water.

I am respectful of the fact that I live on Kauai, not Maui, but we share many of the same issues regarding housing for our people and I have heard the arguments in favor of this bill. I believe it is a good way to begin to address a problem we in Hawaii share.

I urge you to stand with Lāhainā Strong and pass Bill 9.

**Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.** Aloha,

Susan Stayton PO Box 1113 Lawai, HI 96765 808-651-9070

From:	AJ <amenoartemis@gmail.com></amenoartemis@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 6:20 PM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Sincerely,

AJ cho

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Nancy Hall <kanoaane@gmail.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 7:07 PM HLU Committee Bill 9

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Aloha, I strongly support Bill 9. It is outrageous that Native Hawaiians have to relocate from their homeland because of the STRs that price them out. The local residents of Maui especially the ones who lost their homes in the fire should be priority for rentals that they can AFFORD.

This situation is the result of capitalism that is out of control. People of this 'aina MUST be able to live here comfortably. The County Council must uphold the needs of these native people. Sorry 94% ers who are not from here. It's time for priorities to change.

Nancy Cross-Hall Waimea Hawai'i Island

From:	Respiratory and Environmental Disabilities Assoc of HI <808redahi@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 7:45 PM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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B. A. Mack-REDAHI

From:	PAMELA BURRELL <pamelaburrell@me.com></pamelaburrell@me.com>
Sent:	Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:23 PM
То:	HLU Committee
Subject:	Bill 9

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Aloha Maui neighbors,

I support Bill 9 and urge you to do so as well.

Most of these Short term rental properties are owned by investors not living in Hawaii. I'm sorry, but they need to rent to the people that live and work here first. We have a housing crisis on every island for the people that work here and try to live here.

It is an island wide crisis.

Stand up for the local people. Let them stay and work here. They are needed! Mahalo,

Pamela Burrell, Kilauea, 96754

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sheba Queen <jurassicworld85@outlook.com> Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:32 PM HLU Committee Bill 9

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Sincerely,

Erica Truong

Thank you, Erica Truong