

EDB Committee

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Is it too late to provide input to EDB-37 and EDB-147? Should my comments be sent to others?

Subject EDB-37

I am generally in favor of property tax reform. I have seen other owners pay a fraction of what they should pay. These disparities could be fixed even under the present system.

I am opposed to tiered property taxes for owner occupied homes if the tiers do not take into consideration people over 65 on fixed incomes.

I am 70 years old and my wife is 66. I have been a homeowner / resident on Maui for 15 years.

Last year we paid almost 10% of our total income for property taxes. That was at the homeowner rate. Our total family income is about 125% of median family income. I cannot afford to pay more property taxes. We have a nice house but not a mansion by any means. It is 3,600 sq.ft. four bedroom house.

If this new tax reform will result in higher taxes, I will need to sell my house and move to the mainland. Please consider retired homeowners in any changes to property taxes.

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