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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:40 AM

To: HLU Committee

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 2:16 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill 9

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Aloha,

My name is Joanna Aceret Wright & I am writing to share our testimony in support of Bill 9. I was a born & raised Maui girl, living the majority of my early childhood into my young adult life in Lahaina. Like many, I grew up in a multigenerational home that my grandma bought decades ago (this home was also one of the homes lost to the Lahaina fires of 2023.) Once an adult, I moved out, in the hopes that I can "make it" on my own in Maui without the housing help of my parents or grandparents. I wanted to be independent & work hard the way my grandma exemplified when she immigrated here at 30 years old. I bounced around from rooms to studios, trying to find the most cost effective housing option. I eventually married the love of my life & he too joined me in our quest for secure, affordable housing. We both worked hard, got our degrees while working, saved every penny & had much more money saved than the average 21-year-old & yet, it still wasn't enough. We had our first son in 2020 & were renting a 364 sq feet attached ohana because it was our only financially viable option. Eventually we were given notice by our landlord and with that, we made the difficult decision that it was time for us to look beyond Maui in order to live. We were officially being "priced out of paradise."

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Attachments: KALO LOS Bill 9.pdf

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Me ka ha'aha'a, Leialoha Kaula

Attached: PDF Letter of Support

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Leialoha Ka'ula

Executive Director

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Kula, Hawaii 96790

From: Justin Kekiwi <whitehawaiian11@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 6:54 AM

To: HLU Committee
Subject: Testimony, Bill 9

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Aloha mai kākou, council members. My name is Justin Kekoa Kekiwi and I want to thank you for your time and your listening ears. I support Bill 9.

I want to thank Mayor Bissen and his staff for proposing this bill and doing such a good job on their presentation. It gave us factual information by thoroughly gathering data, while addressing the positive and negative impacts by bill 9. It's fairly obvious that our housing crisis far outweighs the oppositions concerns and loss of profits. Maui County is prepared to take on the ripple effects when this bill is approved and has the viable solutions to cover those differences, so, this is an easy decision to help out a lot of our local families, this council should support the Mayor's proposal.

I do want to echo the mayor, that this is not the solution to our housing crisis. However, it is a bold step in the right direction, and I commend the Mayor and his staff for pushing this forward, but we have decades of poor planning and bad decisions to address, so this is just the beginning.

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These 6,000 tvr units being converted back to longterm rentals is just one of many ways to keep our families home. If we continue to move in this direction, where the communities needs is priority over foreign investments and if we incorporate that into our laws and these future developments, you will see our community thrive, and that Aloha spirit that has been dwindling away, it will grow and spread again, I guarantee you that! So, please council members, make this a unanimous decision and approve Bill 9.

Mahalo kākou...

From: Greg Lewandowski quidoriginsglobal@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:00 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Bill 9

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Aloha,

I am a Hawaii resident of Kauai, my wife was born and raised here. I would like to urge you to pass bill 9. The housing crisis is dire and the concept of off island elitists are able to make money and take over Lahaina is absolutely disgusting. Hawaii should be for Hawaiians and exploited by off island residents. Please don't allow more of Hawaii to be white washed and ruined.

-Captain Gregory Lewandowski
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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:19 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 3:36 AM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Bill 9

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I Nora Makahanaloa is a long time 7 generation families from Lahaina. And the Island of Lana'i as well as Moloka'i . I am here to inform everyone that I am here for Bill 9 I don't understand why are we still fighting for our fire displaced families

Stop these short term vacation rentals! Majority of these owners don't even live here. Profiting over these short term rentals so they live comfortable "Hell No" We need to get our families into their Homes! Stop being greedy!

Our people our families don't need to suffer anymore! Mahalo! Get Outlook for iOS

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I had the privilege of moving to Lahaina in March of 2020 -- one week before the whole world shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I don't think there is any other place other than Lahaina, where I could have survived and found success with starting a new business during that time. Without the support of the Lahaina community, I don't know where I would have ended up.

And then, through the aftermath of the fires, it was again the Lahaina community that helped me get through.

So much has already been lost, which makes it that much more heartbreaking to have to watch our Lahaina community continue to lose its members due to the mere lack of reasonable housing options. A community is nothing without its members, and the decisions made today carve the path for our future as a community. Lahaina has given so much. All we ask for is a chance to let our community heal, rebuild, and have a future to continue to be the place beloved by so many.

Aubrey Huey aubreyhuey@gmail.com

Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

From: Lei Niheu <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:19 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Lei Niheu

lele_uhane@yahoo.com

Honolulu , Hawaii 96813

From: Schyler Church <schyler@schylerchurch.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:56 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Maui Bill 9 Testimony

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I love Maui. I love its stunning land, but above all, for its people. My family has owned property in West Maui for 25 years, and it has been a second home my entire life. As a Maui real estate broker and investor, I don't hold the typical investor mindset. I recognize that Maui's long-standing housing crisis, especially in West Maui, is deeply rooted in limited resources and poor zoning enforcement.

Tourism is essential to the local economy, but so is housing for the local workforce. Maui faces a choice: either create new resources (which is not realistic in the short term) or reallocate existing ones. The best immediate solution is to enforce the community plan through proper zoning.

My family once held long-term rentals in apartment-zoned areas. When two of our units at Maui Lani Terraces were placed on the Minatoya list, we legally operated them as short-term rentals. When Maui later reversed that policy, we accepted it and transitioned out, investing instead in hotel-zoned properties (at a hefty premium) specifically designated for tourism.

Short-term rentals should be limited to hotel-zoned areas. Apartment-zoned properties should return to their intended use to support local housing. While an immediate end to the Minatoya list may be difficult, a phase-out with clear notice would be a legal, enforceable, and effective step toward easing Maui's housing crisis and honoring the zoning laws already in place.

Sincerely,
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Broker/Owner of Schyler Church Real Estate
Hawaii Real Estate Broker
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From: Amanda Millin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:51 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Amanda Millin ammillin@gmail.com

Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

From: Noheaililani Waiwaiole <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:28 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I am a 3rd generation Kanaka Maoli who has been trying to move home. More of us now live on the continent than in Hawai'i. Please help removed barriers for us to return home and stay home or not be pushed out in the first place. Barriers like STRS and the Minatoya list directly contribute to the displacement of our local communities and the ethnic cleansing and genocide of Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo,

Nohea

Noheaililani Waiwaiole noheaililani@gmail.com

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

From: Erin Kahunawaika'ala Wright <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:16 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Council members,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I am not a Maui constituent but care deeply for the future of our pae 'āina and its people. Currently, I work in higher education and oversee a program supporting Maui students who have been impacted by the wildfires. Our students want to return to Maui after graduation and I would like for them to return to contribute back to their community. Critical to their successful return is insuring they have adequate and affordable housing, especially if they have lost their homes. Like O'ahu, my home island, Maui is overrun with short term rentals and timeshares. It's time for our government to prioritize the well-being of our residents.

Again, our Maui students want to go home. They want to make their lives on Maui and invest their brilliance in Maui. Supporting Bill 9 will be one small step to help our Maui students return home in a good way.

Mahalo.

Erin Kahunawaika'ala Wright kahunawai@gmail.com

Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-5412

From: Nicole Kinilau-Cano <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:08 PM

To: County Clerk **Subject:** Support for Bill 9

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Nicole Kinilau-Cano

lehua.holdings@gmail.com

Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

From: Adam Pooloa <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:58 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections. Please support the Indigenous local people of Maui, the people whose roots here established the vibrant community we know today. This community has been hugely and largely neglected, their right to affordable housing has been ignored in favor of money. The other side has really gone above and beyond in their smear campaign to further dehumanize the local people, with insults of stupidity and laziness. The same racist rhetoric used to dehumanize kānaka maoli while stealing their culture and demanding the aloha spirit be given to them with no reciprocity. Please please put the Indigenous people of Maui first for a change. There's no Hawaii without Hawaiians. There's no vibrant island community with our Filipino people, Micronesian people, Asian people. These people are the backbone of our island culture. They matter FAR MORE than non state residents who DO NOT pay taxes in Hawai'i and are only concerned for their own selfish interests. The housing crisis in Maui is costing state taxpayers over \$120 million dollars a year. These parasites coming to their vacation homes are benefiting from a crisis they manufactured and they are getting away with it.

Please stop letting them.

Signed,

By my future great grandchild I want able to live here someday.

Adam Pooloa

lionesskealove@gmail.com

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

From: Julia Ortiz Hollenback <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:37 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Timeshares and short term rentals are predatory at best with zero interest in the community from which they are ravaging.

Julia Ortiz Hollenback ortizhollenback@gmail.com

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

From: Mlalisa Otis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:28 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

It is a punch to the gut to allow STR while Maui families are still struggling. We have the same problem here on O'ahu. Lahaina needs homes for those still recovering from the catastrophe.

This is not the time, or especially the place.

Protect your PEOPLE OVER PROFIT.

Prioritize the COMMUNITY OVER COMMERCIALISM.

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo,

Mialisa Otis

Mlalisa Otis

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Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

From: Demetrius Brumdage <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:25 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Demetrius Brumdage dbrumdage@gmail.com

Oakland, California 94607

From: Jasmine Jenkins <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:23 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Jasmine Jenkins

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Andrea Charuk <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:05 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I'm of settler ancestry in support of more abundant housing opportunities for kānaka and local families. I became physically ill listening to the testimony from STR property owners and their supporters as they cried about personal lost revenue, and used similar logic to stoke fear and intimidation about the economic hit to the state should they be ousted. Inherent in their speech is a belief that money is of higher value than human life. It should give us pause as a society to see that these folks saw no fault or shame in willfully showcasing what many of us see as depravity in their testimony...essentially asking that their continued ability to hoard resources, comfort, and wealth be considered more important than the dignity and wellbeing of local families...that THEY are more deserving to have a 2nd, 3rd, 4th home than families are to have a first roof over their head in their own homeland. If STR supporters win, we further validate and affirm their sick supremacist views as normal. If STR owners win, you not only signal to kānaka and local families, but ALSO to future opportunistic abusers, that predatory investors are welcome, that they are in control of laws, and in control of hawaii peoples' ability to thrive. In siding with them, you signal that we as a society are comfortable with property owners allowing units to stay vacant if they so choose while our neighbors are increasingly forced to seek temporary shelter on the streets...where they are further criminalized for "vagrancy". It is horrifying and we should be ashamed as a society that we even have to entertain this conversation. The bar is in hell. Let's try to raise it ever so slightly in the direction of human decency by passing bill 9.

Andrea Charuk
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honolulu, Hawaii 96816

From: Krista Vessell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:04 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. This bill sets a serious precedent for ALL counties of Hawaii, and sends a clear message that Hawaii residential communities are NO LONGER the playground of the investor class. We are having a housing AFFORDABILITY crisis driven, NOT by lack of housing units, but by housing units being HOARDED for "wealth building" by "passive income" investors. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Krista Vessell hengest1066@yahoo.com

Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

From: Reed Geritz <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:58 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. The Lahaina fire victims deserve a place to call home more than visitors/vacationing people need a vacation or second home.

Reed Geritz rgeritz@gmail.com

Berkeley, California 94703

From: Shari Rospond <sharirospond@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:52 PM

To: County Clerk
Subject: Vacation rentals

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Aloha folks, after 25 years on this lovely island I watched vacation rentals grow. Seeing how tourism is the only real way to provide jobs and income I loved what these rentals had to offer. Privacy, choices of foods restaurants/ groceries and choice. Then those who are make a living from these rentals, landscaping, pool cleaning, house cleaning, gas for pool heating and again choices for visitors. I work at a restaurant and meet many happy vacation renters love not being in a hotel. They stock up at Costco, foodland, Safeway, and target. Wow how great for those businesses. And let's not forget about those who live here and are trying to make a living and it's not easy, I know I live here. And not to mention the taxes you collect which are pretty hefty I might say. So you're going to cut out legal rentals and piss off tourist and hurt family business. I'm sorry the housing shortage and water shortage has little to do with vacation rentals. Perhaps the hotel lobbyist should step back cause your real intentions are a glaring red flag. We are already facing tourism issues with this government so time to think long and hard before you put this island in more peril. Mahalo Shari Rospond

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ana Kahoopii <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:33 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Aloha e,

Ana

Ana Kahoopii savehawaiidogs@gmail.com

Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

From: Jess Longordo <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:30 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

We currently rent as we can't afford to buy on Maui and our rent just keeps going up, up, up! If prices keep rising and housing isn't available, there won't be any service workers left on the island to serve the tourists and people lucky enough to own multiple places here.

Not to mention the numbers and math regarding the housing statistics are sickening.

Jess Longordo jesslongordo@gmail.com 3788 lower honoapiilani rd Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

From: Kanoelani Lizama <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:27 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Failure to do so would be recognized as a hate crime against the people of Hawai'i of which you were elected to serve.

Mahalo,

Kanoelani

Kanoelani Lizama

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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

From: Amanda Kuhns <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:20 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

As a community we desperately need this support to house and give the people that do the labor that keeps Maui going and steward this land a chance to thrive. Housing is the biggest issue in bringing dignity and empowerment back to the people that truly embody Aloha and communal care. We need a silver lining. We need a glimmer. We deserve care.

As a small business owner whose business is predominantly local based; we don't target tourists. We seek to support local first but the amount of clients that have had to leave is staggering.

We thank you in advance for making a decision based in care for the land and her people.

Amanda Kuhns amandaskuhns@gmail.com 14 Wailele Ridge Dr. 203 Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

From: Spencer Kelly <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:14 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

My name is Spencer Kelly, and I live on the big island of Hawaii. I am blessed to have married into an incredible local family here in Hawaii, and I know that living here comes with a huge kuleana to malama aina and the people here, especially Kanaka Maoli who are strategically marginalized in their own homeland. Each and every day I read devastating news and statistics about the housing crisis here, and how more Hawaiians live outside of Hawaii and in. Much of this is driven by tourism, out of control housing costs, and a proliferation of short term rentals, many of which are owned by people who don't set foot in Hawaii once throughout the year. They are making money off of the displacement of Kanaka and locals alike. Hawaii is in a dire situation. Existential even. The very future of this place, the culture, traditions, the PEOPLE who make Hawaii, Hawaii is under threat.

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Spencer Kelly spencerjosephkelly@gmail.com

Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704

From: Ece Unlu <eceunlu99@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:01 PM

To: County Clerk
Subject: TESTIMONY - BILL 9

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Testimony of the Honorable Ece Unlu Guest to the lands of Hawai'i In Support of Bill 9 and Broader Housing Justice Measures Date: June 17, 2025

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I am writing to testimony to you in support and in favor of Bill 9. U.S. Public Law 103-150—the Apology Resolution—acknowledged the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. But what good is an apology if the harm continues? How do we speak of sovereignty when Hawaii's people have no shelter?

Today, more Native Hawaiians live outside Hawai'i than in it. This is not by choice—it is by design. The forces of displacement, especially through the unchecked proliferation of short-term rentals (STRs), have made it impossible for many to afford to stay. It is the force severing Hawaiian's ties to 'āina, to culture, to each other.

The August 8th fires in Lāhainā made this crisis undeniable. Over 12,000 of people were displaced in a single day. And yet, thousands of homes in West Maui remain empty, listed as STRs—94% of them owned by non-residents. This community doesn't have time to wait for new developments that take years. We need action now. According to UHERO, phasing out STRs could increase long-term housing by 13% and reduce condo prices by up to 40%. That is not a projection—that is a lifeline.

But this issue is not only about roofs the people's heads. It is about our public trust resources—water, most sacred among them. STRs consume disproportionately more water through luxury—while fire survivors still await permits for affordable housing projects like Pulelehua, which can't move forward due to a lack of water allocation. Reallocating this precious resource to our communities is not a favor—it is a legal and moral obligation!

Hawaii's cultural values—like those of the ahupua'a system—prioritize stewardship over speculation, shared abundance over hoarding. These values aren't outdated—they're the answer. They are humanity in a political landscape and climate that has lost the essence of what community means.

Native Hawaiians are not looking for special treatment. They are demanding a fair chance to live on our own land. We are demanding that housing be seen as a human right, not a commodity. They are demanding that the promise of justice made in 1993 be honored today. Bill C 9 has more meaning than what is seen at the surface, it is a step toward community and ONE HAWAII.

Honor the apology. Honor our kupuna. Honor Hawaiians right to stay.

Mahalo for your time and your courage in this pivotal moment.

With my respect and aloha to the council and its members,

Ece Unlu Project Coordinator | Talent Acquisition Professional Search | Industrial Korn Ferry

From: Noel Shaw <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:57 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I'm submitting testimony again so you understand how serious I am about supporting this. I've heard arguments from current owners of Minatoya properties not selling but I tell you with confidence, with this change, buyers will come. Locals will know that this is a viable option for them.

Take care the people of the place first. Stop feeding the greedy who just take. We must do better.

Noel Shaw

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Jessica Johnskn <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:57 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Jessica Johnskn

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Pūpūkea, Hawaii 96712

From: Dominic Jaramillo <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:47 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Dominic Jaramillo

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

From: dee green <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:47 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

dee green

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honolulu , Hawaii 96817

From: Juju Juju <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:17 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask you to please pass Bill 9 and phase out short-term rentals in apartment-zoned districts without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. There is a housing crisis in Hawaii, which has been made all the worse in Maui by the Lahaina wildfires. It is upsetting that Kanaka are going without housing while empty apartments remain empty so that tourists have a choice of places to stay during their short visits. Providing housing for tourists while local families and seniors live houseless is morally corrupt.

There are 6127 STRs on the Minatoya List. Just think for a minute--6127 STRs could give 6127 families homes to live in. That's 6127 families that will not have to choose between living in the streets or leaving Maui.

You have an opportunity to support the local people of Maui who care about Maui and her people. Many working families are struggling to find places to live. These working families contribute to the community, the economy, and form the bedrock of Maui. You have an opportunity to stop the corrupt corporate business interests that are depleting precious resources (like water and housing) and threatening to make Maui uninhabitable for her people. Please listen to her people and act in good conscience by passing Bill 9.

Sincerely,

Juju

Naalehu, Hawaii

Juju Juju

jujuinkau@gmail.com

PO Box 698

HI, Hawaii 96772

From: Victoria Sepe <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:06 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Victoria Sepe

victoriamsepe@gmail.com

Emeryville, California 94608

From: Ku'ulei Hall <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:53 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Council members,

I'm writing to SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

We have seen the concrete data regarding water usage, economic velocity of money and alarming rates of houseless families. We know the horrific and painful history of Hawai'i's people and how profit kills. We have heard the countless testimonies from fire victims and generations of local people pushed out of Hawai'i due to greed.

I'm not sure what more there is to state other than simply asking you folks to do what you know is right.

Again, please support bill 9, phase out these short term rentals, and start to care for the people of Hawai'i first.

Mahalo,

Ku'ulei Hall

Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Ku'ulei Hall

jnkhall808@gmail.com

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

From: Erin Johnson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 5:38 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Mahalo, Erin Johnson

Erin Johnson

tigernamaste@gmail.com

, Hawaii

From: Shane Miller <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:28 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Please help the people for once This housing crisis is only going to get worse! Do it for the People not the Money!!!!!

Shane

Shane Miller shanemiller109@gmail.com P.O. Box 790951

Paia, Hawaii 96779

From: Lei Ayat-Verdadero <ayatvedo@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:34 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF BILL 9 (2024)

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Submitted by: Lei Ayat-Verdadero

Native Hawaiian

Aloha Chair and Esteemed Council Members,

I submit this testimony in strong support of Bill 9, which would phase out the use of transient vacation rentals (TVRs) in apartment districts on Maui.

As a Native Hawaiian, as a mother, and as someone grieves alongside communities still reeling from the destruction in Lahaina, I am compelled to speak for those who are being priced out, pushed out, or erased entirely from the land that birthed us.

Our 'Āina is Not for Sale

The lands of Maui—like all of our pae 'āina—are not just real estate parcels. They are ancestors. They are teachers. They are the vessels of our culture and identity. Every time a long-term rental is converted into a short-term vacation unit, we don't just lose housing—we lose the stability of 'ohana, the practice of mālama 'āina, and the ability to pass down 'ōlelo Hawai'i and cultural traditions to the next generation.

Six Thousand Units Lost—Thousands of Families in Crisis

Over 6,000 units were siphoned away from our residential housing supply and handed to wealthy investors and non-residents under a loophole that never should have existed. The result? Native Hawaiians and local families are being forced into shelters, priced into poverty, or pushed off-island. The money and the prosperity doesn't remain in Hawai'i.

How many more families have to leave before we say, "Enough"?

This is a Moral Crossroads

Maui stands at a turning point. In the wake of disaster, we can rebuild a future that honors our people—or we can continue down a path where the Hawaiian in "Hawaiian Islands" becomes nothing more than branding for a hotel chain.

Bill 9 is not about punishing anyone. It's about restoring balance. It's about protecting the right of kama'āina—especially Native Hawaiians—to live and thrive in their own homeland.

Let Us Remain

We ask you to hear the voices of kūpuna who can no longer afford to stay. Of teachers commuting long hours just to serve our keiki. Of displaced Lahaina families who still sleep in hotels while investors rent out units nearby to tourists.

We ask you to pass Bill 9—not just as policy, but as a commitment:

To 'ohana over profit.

To pono over politics.

To Native Hawaiians who have always called this land home.

Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono.

The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.

Mahalo for your time, and for standing on the right side of history.

Respectfully, Lei Ayat-Verdadero Native Hawaiian mother, cultural advocate, and community member Mahalo (thank you),

Lei

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:35 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Shane

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:07 AM

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Kahului, Hawaii 96732

From: Amy Kurisko Chadwick <kurisko808@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:28 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Bill 9

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Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 9. I am a former resident of Lahaina for over 22 years. My husband a former resident of over 50 years. Our children born and raised in Lahaina. We lost our home on Komo Mai Street in the fire. We are currently visiting our former home, friends and family until the end of the month.

This is our first time home since we had to relocate a year and half ago. Before we left we had housing in an illegal short term rental in a Napili residential area at a cost of \$7,000 per month. They decided to return the home to the illegal short term rental market. While we are eternally grateful to have had a roof over our heads, we realized the gravity that illegal short terms rentals cause, including all those in the Minatoya list. Long term housing was few and far between and way out of a living budget for our family of 5 with 3 dogs. We were given no choice but to leave or live out of our car.

Ending these illegal short term rentals including all on the Minatoya list is so overdue it's nauseating. Put the residents, those who family's go back generations and those residents who work and live and serve the community first! Ending this blatant corruption will undoubtedly help the thousands of families like ours who were forced to leave and will undoubtedly help the local families desperately struggling to stay.

Mahalo,

Amy Chadwick Formerly of Lahaina

From: Noelani Mengel <knmengel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:28 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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

I'm writing in **strong support of Bill 9**, 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.

Restoring these units to long-term residential use is a moral and practical imperative. It will:

- 1. Increase the housing stock immediately without additional strain on our water systems;
- 2. Dismantle inequitable land use patterns that favor profit over people; and
- 3. Prioritize Native Hawaiian and local families' right to remain and thrive in their ancestral homeland.

The 2023 Lāhainā fire exposed long-standing issues—privatized water systems, diverted streams, and overdevelopment have pushed West Maui to the edge. STRs, originally meant for housing, now operate as commercial businesses, consuming high volumes of water while local families remain displaced.

Returning STRs to long-term housing helps protect water access, push back against inequality, and put community needs first. With over 6,000 STRs on the Minatoya List, we have a clear opportunity to increase housing stock without using more water.

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

Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.

Sincerely,

Noelani Mengel

Kalaimoku & Ecosystems and Environment Committee Chair of Na Lei Makalapua

Ku'u kulaiwi: Moku au Keawe

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:05 AM

To: County Clerk
Subject: In Support of Bill 9

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Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing in strong support of Bill 9. I am kānaka, raised in Kula, Maui, a lineal descendant of Moku'ula, writing from my home in Mānoa, Oahu.

As Mayor Bissen articulated in the aftermath of the 2023 fires, we don't have a lack of housing inventory, we have a lack of our community members living in those homes. Endless development is not the answer to affordable housing. It has been tried for nearly two centuries now, and Hawaiians still suffer. Further, the land suffers, changing the climate and putting us all at risk for increasingly frequent and severe natural disasters.

The positive effects of Bill 9 WILL be a useful part of the answer, and it is something we CAN do to care for our community members and manage our land and water.

We keep us safe, and it's time we prioritized people over profit. You have been elected to do just that, and we trust that you will hear us, include us, and work for our collective good.

Mahalo, Mamie Lawrence Gallagher Mānoa, Hawai'i

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Subject: SUPPORT BILL 9 (Minatoya Phase Out)

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Aloha Chair and Board members, Today is a good day to fight for you REAL community.

Why I think these investors Aka Minatoya Owners should be phased out:

- 1. Overtourism; I grew up in Honokowai, close to Napili. Time and time again I have spoken with friends and family who feel they have been swarmed. Whether it's in neighborhoods or grocery stores or someone asking for directions, we are completely surrounded by a foreign people who ignore our ideals of protecting pae aina, who go out and actively destroy our environments whether through sheer ignorance or lack of care. What we saw during many pauses of tourism (covid, lahaina fires), was our environment HEALING without the crowds in the way.
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- 3. <u>Traffic</u>; This goes hand in hand with overtourism. Instead of 1 tourist for every 3 locals, we have thousands of tourist vehicles, all rentals, who do not pay taxes for these roads when they are in such disrepair (potholes, huge chunks of curbs missing, faded crosswalks), and yet overpopulate and crowd our way home.
- 4. Mental Health; Our people are stressed to the maximum. We don't need to worry about housing too. If we continue on without proper placement, we will be no more soon. This is a desperate matter. I struggled with housing for years and still do. Along with losing Lahaina, we also lost our housing that was already in scarcity. I can't count how many families of people i hear of per day leaving or about to for lack of place.
- 5. <u>Economy</u>; These tourists will not work our jobs for us. Infact, 85% of STR owners are OUT OF STATE- This means that the wealth generated goes only to the wealthy and does NOT circulate Maui as it would. Keep tourists out of our homes and neighborhoods, they belong in Hotels. Foreign investors and tourism have taken enough.

In summary, I am in COMPLETE Support of Bill 9.

Kylannah Spradlin

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Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Maui County Clerk,

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My name is Alondra Galindo, and I'm testifying in strong support of Bill 9.

I've lived in Maui for the past 12 years. In that time, I've seen firsthand how hard it is for working families to survive here. My parents have always had to work two, sometimes three jobs, just so we could afford to live in a small one-and-a-half bedroom house. My sister, only 17 at the time, had to take on the role of caretaker for my younger brother and me and right after high school, She also had to work two jobs. She had no choice but to grow up fast—she gave up her youth so we could stay afloat as a family.

Because of this, my younger sibling and I spent more time with our teachers than with our parents. That's the reality for so many families here. This isn't just about money. It's about giving families time together. It's about letting older sisters be kids again. And it's about creating a future where children don't have to take on adult responsibilities just to get by. To those who say that if this bill passes, and families are allowed to live in a two-bedroom unit, it "wouldn't be ideal"—guess what? That's already our reality. Even before Lahaina burned down, families across Maui were packed into tiny spaces, doing everything they could to stay housed. The so-called "less-than-ideal" is already the everyday truth for many of us. This bill doesn't lower the standard—it meets us where we already are and offers dignity, security, and hope.

Please support Bill 9. For the sake of our working families. For the sake of our keiki. For the

sake of our future.

Mahalo for your time.

Roots Reborn

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Lahaina , Hawaii 96761

From: Joseph Cruz <joseph@kalohcc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:09 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: [URGENT] Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

Attachments: Maui Bill 9 Support.pdf

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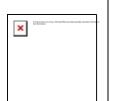
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Best,

Attached: PDF Letter of Support



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From: Suzanne Olsson <alohalumin@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:16 AM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill 9 – Housing & Land Use Committee

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Aloha Councilmembers,

My name is Suzanne Olsson, and I am writing in strong support of Bill 9.

I have been living in Hawai'i since 1997, and for the past 11 years, I've lived in the same apartment here on Maui with my son. It has been our home- a place of stability, comfort, and consistency. But now, the apartment is going up for sale, and we're being forced to look for a new place to live. I honestly don't know what we're going to do. Two-bedroom rentals are going for \$3,800 to \$4,500 per month *if* you can even find one. That's completely unaffordable for a working parent like me. How am I supposed to cover rent and still have anything left for food, electricity, phone bills, or savings?

What makes this even more painful is that we fall through the cracks when it comes to affordable housing. New projects are being announced, like in Kīhei, but they require applicants to fall within 50% of the area median income. My income is just above that cutoff, so I don't qualify- but at the same time, I absolutely cannot afford a home on the open market. With high mortgage rates, property taxes, and maintenance fees, buying a home simply isn't an option. My son is in a similar situation: priced out of rentals, yet disqualified from affordable options. Where are we supposed to go?

Affordable housing needs to be addressed more broadly.

But we also need to go further. Perhaps it's time to pause the sale of homes to individuals who do not live or work in Hawai'i. And maybe it's time to impose higher taxes on those who own second, third, or fourth homes here that are not their primary residence. These investment properties drive up housing prices and reduce the supply available to residents, pushing local families out of their communities.

This is not about division, it's about fairness. It's about putting our people first, before profit. Please move Bill 9 forward. We need housing for people who actually live and work on Maui. And please consider stronger action to ensure housing is truly accessible for residents.

Mahalo for your time and your commitment to housing justice on Maui.

Sincerely, Suzanne Olsson Kīhei, Maui

From: Vijay Adusumilli <tntweb.lls@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:31 AM
To: HLU Committee; Nicola Dourambeis
Subject: Testimony to Oppose the Bill 9

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Dear Honorable Members of the Maui County Council,

I am writing to respectfully oppose Bill 9, which proposes to phase out approximately 7,000 short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) in apartment-zoned districts across Maui County. While I understand the intent to address the housing crisis, particularly after the devastating 2023 wildfires, I believe this bill will cause significant economic harm without effectively solving the housing shortage.

As an owner of an unit in the Kaanapalli Royal, I am deeply concerned about the following impacts of Bill 9:

- Economic Consequences: STVRs generate substantial revenue for Maui, contributing \$246.3 million in property taxes (42% of the total) in fiscal year 2025. Phasing out these units could result in a projected \$900 million annual loss in visitor spending and up to 1,900 job losses, according to the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO). This would devastate small businesses, including cleaning services, maintenance companies, and local vendors that rely on tourism.
- Limited Housing Benefits: Many STVRs, particularly older condominiums on the Minatoya List, are not suitable for long-term rentals due to high maintenance fees and market dynamics. These units are unlikely to become affordable housing for local residents, as home prices are driven by broader economic factors, not just STVR availability.
- Impact on Property Owners: For many owners, including retirees and small investors, STVRs are
 a critical source of income. The phase-out threatens financial stability for both residents and nonresidents who have invested in Maui's economy in good faith, relying on existing regulations.
 This abrupt policy shift raises concerns about fairness and potential legal challenges regarding
 property rights.
- Tourism and Community Balance: Maui's economy depends heavily on its 2.3 million annual visitors. Eliminating 7,000 STVRs could reduce tourism, impacting local businesses and cultural initiatives funded by visitor revenue, while over 8,000 legal STVRs and hotels remain available to accommodate travelers.

I sincerely urge the Council to consider alternatives, such as incentivizing long-term rentals through tax breaks, increasing affordable housing development, or extending the phase-out timeline to 2030 to allow owners to adapt. A balanced approach could address housing needs without undermining the economic foundation of our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I respectfully request that you vote against Bill 9 or amend it to mitigate its adverse impacts. I am available to discuss this further and can be reached at 4083004589 or <a href="mailto:thicken:united-t

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Amama ua noa

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Subject: FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

From: Brittny Oconnor <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:39 AM

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

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I am a visitor to Maui. I do not believe owners of rental units on Hawaiian lands have the right to deny people access to long term housing. It's sad that the indigenous population of the world from Maui, to New Zealand, Palestine and beyond have to fight for their right to exist in the place they were born and raised and their families were born and raised. Housing is a human right. Travelers won't be able to travel if we are at war with Iran or whatever new wars American politicians/billionaires want to push on us. Protect your community and their housing now. Don't allow the interests of outsiders to sway your hearts towards the short term rental owners. It sounds like a story line out of a bad movie if you decide against the people who need the housing. Please support Bill 9. I can stay at a hotel or a friends house when I visit. We don't need a VRBO rental at a place a local could be living either their families.

Thanks for considering my thoughts.

Brittny Oconnor

britann@gmail.com

San Francisco, California 94112

From: Moana Alo <moana1770@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:49 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Subject line: Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Aloha

I write in support of the upcoming hearing regarding Bill 9. As a Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander who no longer resides on the islands due to long standing familial financial hardships I want to help those who still reside there. Your assistance in getting this testimony recorded is appreciated.



Moana Alo M.Ed. Ph.D Student SDSU/CGU

"A'ohe hana nui ke 'alu i'a"

No task is too great when done together by all!!

Context ~ Connectedness ~ Harmony ~ Belief ~ Input

From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:57 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: FW: I am writing to OPPOSE BILL 9

From: Andrew Church <andychurchmaui@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:56 AM

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

Subject: I am writing to OPPOSE BILL 9

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Aloha Council Chair,

My name is Andy Church and I live on Maui.

I am here to express my strong opposition to Bill 9 - as it will hurt local residents and will not solve the housing crisis.

My wife's family were all born and raised on the islands of Maui, Molokai and Oahu.

- * My daughter London Kahealani was born on Maui
- * Her mother was also born on Maui
- * Her grandmother, was born on Molokai
- * Her great-mother was born on Molokai
- * Her great-great grandfather was born on Oahu in 1890.

Our family survives predominately on the rental income of our short term rentals in Kihei.

Our properties ARE on the Minatoya list. Therefore, this ban would essentially wipe our primary source of household income.

The Lahaina fire was a disaster for my family. My wife's sister and her husband, who is a firefighter in Lahaina, lost everything, including their home, all their person property, their vehicles, their 3 dogs and 2 cats. We have always done our best to house and help our family members who needed it.

Much of my family is financially dependent on the short-term rentals and tourism on Maui. They work as cleaners, on snorkel boats, and in the tourism activity businesses.

BILL 9 will have a catastrophic on my family and other local residents that I employ. We employ several local residents for maintenance, cleaning, and other activities to run our rental business. This ban will completely eliminate all those jobs, and the income for their local families.

Without question, Bill 9 will potentially leave my family HOMELESS.

There is no evidence this bill will lead to more long-term rentals. However, there is clear economic proof that BILL 9 will eliminate jobs and resources for our families.

Please also understand - 3 things:

- 1) Our ability to short rent is a legally codified use.
- 2) The declarations for our properties CLEARLY state that they allow for short term rental use.
- 3) These declarations were approved by the County of Maui when they were built.

AGAIN - I strongly oppose Bill 9.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Andy Church

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EMAIL: andychurchmaui@me.com

From: Aurora Naone <auroranaone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:00 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Testimony Support Bill 9

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Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Aurora Kaleookalani Naone. I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9, which takes a necessary step in protecting our housing, our people, and our future.

For too long, our communities have seen the impacts of speculative real estate and the rise of short-term rentals, which drive up housing costs and displace local families. Bill 9 helps restore balance by ensuring that housing is for local residents—not for profit.

This bill is also about justice and sovereignty. By limiting short-term rentals, we protect Hawaiian lands from being commodified and sold off piece by piece. It's a step toward keeping land in Hawaiian hands, where it belongs, and supporting generational stability for kanaka maoli and kama'āina families.

I urge you to pass Bill 9 and stand with those who call Maui home—not just those who visit.

Mahalo for your leadership and for listening to the voices of the people.

Sincerely, Aurora Kaleookalani Naone June 18, 2025

From: Johnny Lingao <wildfire@mauihumanesociety.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:09 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Please consider our voices. Our war cry. Our irrevocable mana.

Johnny Lingao wildfire@mauihumanesociety.org PO Box 1448 Kihei, Hawaii 96753

From: Crystal Koa <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:11 AM

To: HLU Committee

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Crystal Koa crystalkoahernandez03@outlook.com

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From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:45 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: FW: Testimony in Support of Bill 9

Attachments: Testimony in Support.pdf

From: Lahela Aiwohi <lahela@olamaui.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:44 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill 9

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Aloha,

Please find my testimony in support of Bill 9.

Mahalo Nui,

Lahela Aiwohi Principal 808.463.4200 www.olamaui.com





June 16, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Maui County Council – Housing and Land Use Committee County of Maui 200 S. High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: Bill 9

Aloha Chair Kama and Members of the Housing and Land Use Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Bill 9, which proposes to phase out short-term rentals in an effort to increase the availability of long-term housing in our communities.

I write today in **strong support of the intent of Bill 9**—to restore housing opportunities for local families, working residents, and future generations who seek to live and thrive in Maui County. The housing crisis we face is real, and the urgency to act cannot be overstated. Converting existing units from short-term to long-term use is a meaningful and necessary strategy to alleviate this crisis.

At the same time, I respectfully request that the Committee consider the following amendments to ensure that this policy is both effective and to avoid potential consequences:

- 1. Extend the authorization period to allow for an orderly transition.
- 2. Exclude from phase-out any of the following categories:
 - o Timeshare properties that are not viable candidates for conversion to long-term residential use:
 - Properties with existing legal agreements with the County for short-term rental use:
 - o Properties identified as split-zoned or designated on the "Minatoya List"
- 3. Refine the amortization strategy to identify only those properties with a high likelihood of conversion to long-term housing stock.

Mahalo for your leadership and commitment to housing justice for this amazing place we get to call HOME.

Mahalo Nui,

Lahela Aiwohi

Ola Maui

808.463.4200 or lahela@olamaui.com

From: Mikela Saili <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:47 AM

To: HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

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- Mikela Saili

Mikela Saili mikelasaili@hotmail.com 109 Nokahea loop #203 Kihei, Hawaii 96753

From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:01 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

From: Mikela Saili <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:47 AM **To:** County Clerk < County. Clerk@mauicounty.us>

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- Mikela Saili

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Kihei, Hawaii 96753

From: Keoni DeFranco <defranco.keoni@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:03 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: SUPPORT Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Aloha mai,

My name is Keoni DeFranco, and I submit this written testimony in strong support of Maui County's plan to phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in the apartment zoning districts.

This is not just a policy issue—it is a matter of justice, of survival, and of restoring dignity to the people of this 'āina. The housing crisis facing our families is the direct result of prioritizing visitor profits over local people's right to live and thrive in their homeland. For decades, short-term rentals have been marketed as "passive income" while actively displacing kūpuna, young families, and working-class residents. This is nothing less than legalized land dispossession.

We must be clear: continuing to allow thousands of STRs in apartment zones is a form of structural violence. It commodifies our homes, fragments our communities, and accelerates the economic pressures driving Kānaka Maoli into houslessness and diaspora.i say this as a diaspora who's mother was displaced and spent my life working to get back to my birth sands. Because this is where kanaka must be for Hawaii to stay Hawaii is not Hawaii without Hawaiians.

As someone deeply engaged in building 'āina-based economies, Puuhonuas and cooperative housing alternatives, I can tell you: we can have a thriving, locally grounded economy without relying on STRs. We heavily regulate STRs on Oahu where I live and the economy has continued. I currently rent out of a former STR converted into long term housing.

What we need is housing for our people, not speculative vacation units. We need support for long-term rentals, family dwellings, community land trusts, and locally-owned regenerative businesses that restore—not extract from—our island resources.

The narrative that STR owners "need time" to adjust ignores the generations of time stolen from displaced families. Every day we delay action is another day someone remains displaced with insecure housing and we are losing our local families by the minute. There is no responsible tourism without housing justice.

I urge this Council to act with the courage that this moment requires. Pass the STR phase-out. Reclaim housing for local people. And begin to repair the trust broken by decades of visitor-first policies. Aloha Aina.

From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:09 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Fw: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

From: Cynthia Harbert <cavah@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:02 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

We must pass this bill with the ultimate best interests of Maui Nui and the future of a healthful community. We all witness the harmful impacts of inequity every day. To normalize the imbalances of not providing for Hawa'i'i before temporary interests is to perpetuate the ill health of island life today.

We can do better together.

We must stand and plan for a wealth that is founded on value of life.

Mahalo

Cynthia Harbert

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Haiku, Hawaii 96708

From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:21 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: FW: E-Testimony Opposing Bill 9

From: Kirstin Shipe - VIP Group <kirstin@vipgrouphi.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:20 AM **To:** County Clerk < County. Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: E-Testimony Opposing Bill 9

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Aloha Chair and Council Members,

My name is Kirstin Shipe and I am a full-time resident of Maui. I testify today with deep respect and humility, fully aware that I was not born and raised here. I want to first acknowledge the pain and challenges that so many local families are going through—especially in the aftermath of the Lahaina fire, which personally impacted my own family, as my parents lost their home and relocated off island.

I understand and support the County's mission to address the housing crisis for residents. It is an incredibly important issue. At the same time, I feel it's crucial to express my concerns about the bill proposing to phase out short-term rentals, especially those on the Minatoya list.

I help manage a locally owned vacation rental property management business here on Maui. We directly employ around 40 people—local managers, inspectors, cleaners, admin, and accounting staff. That doesn't include the extended network of small, local vendors who rely on STRs to support their families: handymen, locksmiths, appliance and AC repair technicians, pest control workers, plumbers, electricians, baby gear rental providers, local delivery services, and more. These aren't just numbers—they're Maui residents with mortgages, keiki in school, and lives rooted in this community.

Our company is just one of many small businesses that would be devastated. Across the island, a broad range of industries would feel the economic shock—restaurants, tour operators, boat crews, cultural experience providers, and many more. This bill could jeopardize thousands of local jobs and eliminate significant tax revenue that funds our schools, roads, emergency services, and other essential programs.

To put it in perspective, if all short-term rental units on the Minatoya List are phased out, Maui County could lose:

- \$53.3 to \$91.8 million annually in property, accommodation, and excise taxes
- \$1.3 billion in economic output
- 7,800 jobs

If **all** STRs in Maui County are phased out, those losses could reach:

• \$128.3 to \$280.9 million in annual tax revenue

- \$2.2 billion in economic output
- 23,000 jobs

I also want to point out that most of the vacation condos being discussed are not suitable long-term homes for local families. Many are small, 1-bedroom units with no space for growing or multigenerational households, no in-unit laundry, strict pet restrictions, and extremely high HOA fees and assessments. Even if these were to be converted, they wouldn't provide the kind of housing our working families truly need—and many residents still wouldn't be able to afford them.

I come before you not in opposition to housing solutions—but in hopes that we can work toward real, sustainable options for our community that *don't* come at the cost of thousands of local jobs and small businesses.

Mahalo for your time, and for your commitment to Maui's future.

Warmest Alohas,

Kirstin Shipe

From: Anna Nguyen <anguyenmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:30 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Bill 9 Testimony (Title 19)

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Good morning, council members,

My name is Anna Nguyen. I'm a high school student in Lahaina and a policy fellow intern at a nonprofit that promotes affordable housing. Affordable housing is deeply personal to me, as I'm sure it is for everyone in this room. The question is how to ensure housing for future generations while protecting jobs. We all have a common concern for our neighbors, and that transcends parties and political ideologies. Three generations of my family have lived in Lahaina. We lost our home and business in the fire. I implore this committee to consider four points: 1.) Short-term rentals don't just employ people in the hospitality industry, they also provide jobs for other sectors impacted by tourism. Visitors who stay in short-term rentals like them because they're cheaper than high-priced hotels. So, those people won't stay in hotels if the Minatoya rentals get banned; they just won't come to Maui. Losing this business means losing jobs in restaurants, landscaping, and construction.

It was recently argued that there's no point in having a job if you have nowhere to rest your head at night. That point is valid, and I definitely agree, but the inverse of this would hurt just as many families: having a home with no job to pay the bills is dangerous and unsustainable.

2.) Passing Bill 9 would encourage people to rent out their condos illegally, cutting back on transient tax collection. The county would lose millions in tax revenue, which could be used to build affordable housing. 3.) Banning short-term rentals would crash the housing market and wipe out housing equity for local residents. Families use this equity to take out second mortgages, like to pay for their kids' college tuition, or to cover an unexpected hospital bill. We don't want to see another version of the 2008 crash in Maui, where countless families get foreclosed. Meanwhile, this gives mainland investors the chance to buy houses at lower prices in cash. And finally, 4.) By passing this bill, the County would be reneging on a law that's already been codified. Violating property rights on such a large scale would invite a massive lawsuit that would take up most of the County's resources. That time and money would be much better spent creating affordable housing. It's easy to blame short-term rentals for our housing crisis, but the truth is, we need to tackle this issue more comprehensively. I urge you to consider a pragmatic approach to this problem. We can start by overhauling Title 19, our outdated zoning code that was enacted in 1960. It's so complicated and confusing to navigate, in fact, that it slows down the Planning Department, which in turn slows down the permit-granting process. Rewriting Title 19 is the key to unlocking construction of affordable housing. I oppose Bill 9 because it doesn't provide a feasible answer to our housing crisis.

From: Misti Kotter <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:32 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmember's

Phasing out Short Term Rentals

My name is Misti Kotter. I am born and raised on Maui, I am a fire survivor and I work in the tourism industry in West Maui. I am testifying in strong support of this bill. This issue is a global issue having impacts on long term residents in tourist destinations world wide but it's amplified here due to our limited amount of resources.

If your so worried about how this bill will negatively effect tourism and our economy I ask

Have you ever truly asked what we want or are willing to sacrifice for a better way of life? Locals didn't ask to make tourism our main source of income and while we are carrying this industry on our backs we do not need STR owners to speak for us and lie about what we are willing to live in or how it will completely decimate the tourist industry.

After COVID when we didn't have enough accommodations or car rentals the tourist kept coming anyway. They slept on the beaches and rented uhauls so let's not pretend that taking out 7,000 tvrs is going to stop tourists from coming. The worker shortage on the west side isn't because people don't want to work or because we wont live in condos it's because we don't want to commute 2-3 hours everyday, if we can even find an option for housing to stay on island.

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We have been more than patient while being cast aside. We need to stop putting tourists and non residents over our community. Stop putting profits over people. If you want aloha here we have to bring Kanaka home. Maui will not be Maui without its beautiful community. If you are in this space and care about this community then listen to what we're saying and asking for. If you can't do that then do you actually love Maui and its people or just love the scenery and money you can make from it? Buying up multiple houses should never be a retirement plan. This is about community and you're either a part of it or extracting from it.

Mahalo,

Misti Kotter

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:35 AM

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From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:38 AM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

From: Chris Clark <chrisclark@pacbell.net> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:38 AM **To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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My name is Chris Clark. As a California Realtor and a real estate investor (not in the state of Hawai'i), I'm here to support Bill 9. Short term rentals are only about only generating income and are a detriment to the community. They prioritize profits and increase the costs of living for the community in the areas they proliferate. In an effort to respect this councils time, I'll keep this short. 'd like to echo the opinions of all the supporters you have already heard. Especially the ones that might have impacted you in a way that you choose to support this bill. Mahalo.

Chris Clark

chrisclark@pacbell.net

Santa Rosa, California 95401

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Makaha828@aol.com

Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

From: County Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:51 AM

To: HLU Committee Subject: Fwd: Testimony

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:29 PM

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I have been a teacher on Maui for 9 years, and I also work a part time second job at a restaurant in South Maui. My partner works as an ocean safety officer. He is born and raised Maui, while I was lucky enough to move here in 2016. We both have jobs that serve and directly impact our Maui community, and yet we find ourselves struggling. First, we struggle with our current living. Last year, we were given notice that we would need to move out of our rental in 5 months. What we thought should be plenty of time, ended up becoming a scramble. We searched for a new rental since we were given notice, and only found one that we could afford a month before we were being asked to leave. Even with our combined salaries and my part time job, the short supply of long term rentals drove up prices that we couldn't afford, especially considering many places did not include utilities. We were told by one homeowner that we were one of over 200 applications hoping to get selected for their rental (and that was one where we were rejected). Imagine, 200 families fighting for the same rental unit. What the Minatoya properties could do! Please consider that these families who are crying out for help for long term rentals are families just like us, that have jobs that directly impact a facet of the community.

As a teacher, living in a state where there has been a teacher shortage for longer than my 9 year career, if we cannot afford a rental despite multiple incomes, we have to move off island. Who replaces me? Who walks into my classroom in the middle of a school year and teaches

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:32 PM

To: HLU Committee

Subject: Fw: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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From: Beverly Bose <beverlybose1965@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:34 PM

To: HLU Committee **Subject:** Minatoya phase out

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I think that providing housing is all great and fine. However, Maui has already seen decreased tourism and there is some concern that phasing out Short term rentals will decrease tourism even more. This will then lead to layoffs or furlows especially to the folks that work in the hospitality industry. There is no back up plan. What would offset the decreased income from the loss of tourism? What would offset the loss of 40% of Maui's revenue? Yes, I read that you are discussing a luxury tax. In order to make up all the money you will be losing though you would have to make the luxury tax an outrageous amount. Before you decide to remove short term rentals, there should be an actual plan to address the decrease in tourism.

From: Joshua Grace <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:40 PM

To: HLU Committee

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'Eō Kānaka O Hawai'i Nei

Joshua Grace

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Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

From: Kristen Young <kyoung@hcucc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:44 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:56 PM

To: HLU Committee
Subject: Fwd: Testimony

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 1:27 PM

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From: Wendi Anderson - VIP Group <wendi@vipgrouphi.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:58 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Bill 9 DO NOT FURTHER DEVASTATE OUR ECOMONY!!

Attachments: Short STR Testimony Wendi Anderson (003).docx

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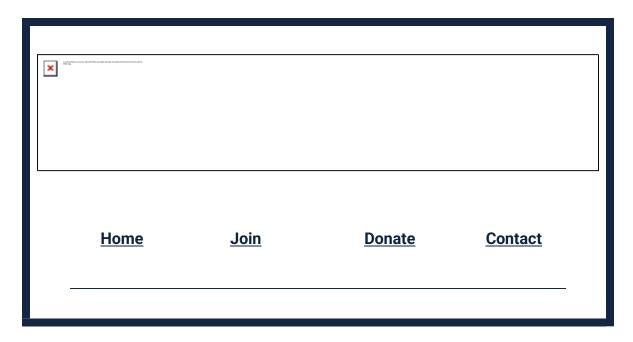


From: Maui Vacation Rental Association <mvra@mvra.ccsend.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:19 PM

To: Wendi Anderson - VIP Group <wendi@vipgrouphi.com>

Subject: Join Us Saturday, June 14th



Aloha Members & Supporters,

We're hosting a brief but important Zoom session this Saturday to debrief on the first HLU hearing for Bill 9.

What we'll cover:

- Key insights and takeaways from the first half of the hearing
- · Councilmember feedback and themes we heard
- What this means for your testimony or written submission
- Logistical next steps and how to stay engaged
- Coaching and messaging tips to help make your voice most effective

This is a critical window to refine our approach and ensure our message is landing where it matters. Whether you testified already or are preparing to speak up soon—please join us to stay aligned and informed.

- Saturday June 14th
- 9:30am HST
- ? Zoom Use the link below to register

Mahalo for your continued dedication and support.

Let's keep showing up, together.

REGISTER

The Hearing has been continued to June 18th which means there is still time to submit written testimony.

CALL TO ACTION

We know this has been a long road, and we're incredibly grateful for your continued patience and commitment. The hearing is our opportunity to speak up for our families, businesses, and community. Let's show the Council just how many of us care.

Submit Written Testimony

While you can submit written testimony anytime before the hearing, we strongly encourage submitting early to ensure the committee members have time to read it before the meeting.

Submit Written Testimony on Granicus (click ecomment to testify)

■ View the Agenda + Submit Testimony

Once the agenda is live, you'll find everything you need here:

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Let's rally together—your story matters, your presence matters, and your testimony matters.

Mahalo for standing strong with us

Testimony Prep Made Easy

We know it can feel overwhelming to get started — but you are not alone in this. We've put together a shared Google Drive folder with sample testimony and step-by-step guidelines to help make the process easier.

These Word documents are view-only, but you can download your own copy to personalize your message and make it your own. Every voice is unique, and your story matters.

Our platform partners are also happy to assist with writing or reviewing your testimony — don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like support.

Interested in writing an op-ed ahead of the hearings? We'd love to help make that happen — just let us know and we'll walk you through it.

TESTIMONY DOCUMENTS

Thank you for your continued support of MVRA!

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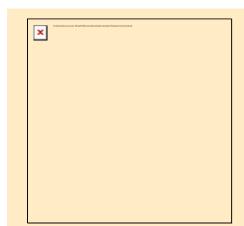
If you have any questions please feel free to email me at membership@mauivacationrentalassociation.org

Mahalo

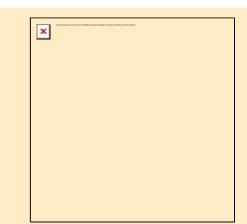
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MVRA needs you now more than ever. Our voices are stronger together. We continue to advocate for the Vacation Rental industry in this challenging landscape. With our local government discriminating against rentals with no good cause, and proposing to



We are actively watching the administration's activities and remain concerned about discrimination against vacation rentals as well as threatened property rights. If you want to continue fighting for your property rights to be a vacation rental on Maui then please consider donating.

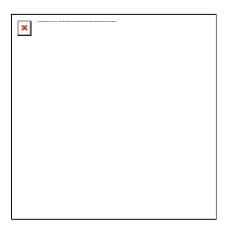
pass legislation that reduces or eliminates property rights our work is more important that ever before. Since 2001 Maui Vacation Rental Association has been the non profit publicly supporting the rights of Maui property owners, small businesses, management companies, and managers. We know our work is more critical than ever. Thank you for supporting, engaging and being a part of this organization.

We continue to work on the legal arguments, phone calls, relationships and strategies for keeping your businesses from being discriminated against.

Mahalo to those who have contributed already.

Donate

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STR Testimony:

Aloha Counsil members and thank you in advance for your time and for hearing me today. I'm sure you're having the time of your lives.

My name is Wendi Anderson, I have been a full-time resident of Maui for 21 years now. I am a small business owner of a vacation rental property management company in South Maui.

We have all seen the devasting financial numbers that have come out, should this legislation pass. So **today**, I am here today to share how this proposed legislation will directly affect our business, our employees, our vendors and their families as well.

Our small company employs about 26 people directly, and last month *alone* we paid out 39 DIFFERENT LOCAL vendors that work on our condos. These local residents include: property managers, cleaners, inspectors, plumbers, electricians, steam cleaners, window cleaners, flooring vendors, painters, carpenters, handymen, etc. Should you recommend this legislation, you will be personally and directly negatively affecting about 70 local families and households, and again, we are just ONE small business that relies on tourism to sustain our livelihoods. **We don't need housing if we do not have jobs.**

I would think that COVID and the fire have taught us this already. I have **many** friends and family members in the service industry, that are struggling right now to pay their bills or have had to leave the island due to lack of work. I am talking about our servers, restaurant workers, activity vendors, etc. As an industry, we WERE just starting to recover from the tragic events August 8th. Then Mayor Bissen decided to make this irresponsible and ill planned blanket statement about STRs. So now we have media ads running, telling everyone that Maui is OPEN for business and come support us, and then our Mayor stating that he is shutting them down. This is very confusing to your average guest and to everyone in the service industry. Due to Major Bissen's actions, we have **already** seen a substantial decrease in our businesses, and due to this, we had to lay off cleaners and an inspectors, due to the negative messaging coming out from the county and lack of work. This will only get worse if this legislation is passed.

For the properties themselves, these properties were never intended for long term use. The county is blatantly putting out false and bad information on Maui County.gov. The messages are very ONE SIDED. These condos are not set up for families, no storage, no pets, one parking stall in many cases and the monthly maintenance fees alone are only sustainable with tourism revenues, even for the owners. These condos are not, were not and will never be affordable housing. These condos allow us that live here, to continue to be able to do so, as tourism is our main industry. Like it or not.

Maui County already has the most restrictive STR laws in the state.

We already have capped the number allowed, there will be no more STRs built per recent past legislation, in addition to this, we just tragically lost a significant amount of STRs in the fire.

Lastly, the messaging about STR owners, has been shameful. For any government to allow ONE group of people to lambast and ridicule another on a County Website or Press Conference is completely wrong, and again horribly one sided. Our owners opened up their condos to the fire victims immediately. NOT for FEMA money, for FREE, to help those in need. We had many owners

donating money, sending us supplies weekly or monthly and actively reaching out to us see what they could do to help. They are not all greedy millionaires, we have teachers, grandmothers, flight attendants as our owners. They are good people and we have welcomed their support and revenues, again for decades.

We are not the only market experiencing a housing shortage. This is going on nationwide. However, we are the only county that thinks that taking the legal rights of one person to benefit another, is a good thing to do. You cannot rob Peter to Pay Paul, and that in essence is what this proposed bill is doing. These actions have done nothing but divide us as an island community. Similar efforts have been shot down by the Hawaii Court of Appeals already as these proposed actions are infringing on their 5th amendment rights. Please don't take us down a long legal battle, this will help no one. Please focus on sustainable solutions for all of us.

There is a long legal precedence for the condos to operate as STRs and this type of action has already been overturned in the Hawaii Courts:

Violation of 5th Amendment Rights from our State Lawmakers:

Hawaii's Intermediate Court of Appeals in their decision to strike down Oahu's attempted ban stated:

"The right of a property owner to the continued existence of uses and structures which lawfully existed prior to the effective date of a zoning restriction is grounded in constitutional law. "Due process principles protect a property owner from having his or her vested property rights interfered with, and preexisting lawful uses of property are generally considered to be vested rights that zoning ordinances may not abrogate."

Most people are only familiar with the part about self-incrimination and "pleading the 5th", but the 5th Amendment gives us citizens broad protections against the overreach of government. One of those protections is the "Taking Clause". The government can't take your property without reason and more importantly, just compensation.

No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

What is the Minatoya List?

The Minatoya List is a document that identifies specific properties in the Apartment District in Maui County that were grandfathered in to allow for short-term occupancy, meaning they can operate as Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) even though current zoning regulations might not otherwise permit it. This grandfathering was based on a 2001 opinion by then-Deputy Corporation Counsel Richard K. Minatoya.

What did Ordinance No. 4167 do?

Ordinance No. 4167 amended local codes to formalize and continue the allowance of TVRs in these Apartment District properties. It basically reaffirmed that buildings with valid permits prior to April 20, 1989, could continue to operate as TVRs. This was done to clarify the grandfathering status of these properties.

In summary, the "Minatoya codified 2014" refers to Maui County's Ordinance No. 4167, which legally recognized and allowed for the continuation of short-term rentals on a specific list of apartment properties known as the Minatoya List, based on a prior legal opinion.

1. Why Bill 9 Tramples Rights That Have Been on the Books for 36 Years) Ordinance 1797 (1989): Vacation-Rental Rights Were Preserved, Not Created

When the Council passed Ordinance 1797 in April 1989, it tightened apartment-district zoning but explicitly shielded every unit that already held a valid building-, SMA-, or PD-permit on April 20, 1989. Section 11 states the new rules "shall not apply" to those lawfully issued approvals.

Translation: existing transient vacation rentals (TVRs) in A-1 or A-2 zones kept their rights on constitutional "vested-use" grounds. No exemption was needed; the ordinance itself locked the door behind them and handed them the key.

2 | § 19.12.020(G): The Code Still Says They're Permitted Uses

Fast-forward to today's Maui County Code. Clause 19.12.020(G) lists as a permitted use:

"Transient vacation rentals in buildings... whose permits or approvals were valid on April 20, 1989 ... may be reconstructed, and transient vacation rental use shall be permitted...."

That language is the direct descendant of Ordinance 1797's grandfather clause—it didn't appear later as a loophole. It is plain, current law.

3 | The 2001 Minatoya Opinion: A Mirror, Not a Magic Wand

Because some planners were still confused a decade later, Deputy Corporation Counsel Richard Minatoya issued a 2001 legal memo. It simply re-affirmed what 1797 and §19.12.020(G) already guaranteed: pre-1989 apartment-zone TVRs are vested and may continue. It created nothing new; it clarified existing statutory rights so buyers, banks, and County staff could rely on a single reading of the law.

Even critics admitted the memo "outlined the vested property right" granted by prior ordinances.

4 | Why Vested Means Untouchable—Constitutionally

Vested uses are protected by HRS §46-4 and the U.S. & Hawai'i Constitutions. Land-use scholar Professor David Callies and former Attorney General David Louie have both warned that stripping those rights would constitute a regulatory taking the County would likely lose in court.

5 | Bill 9: Trying to Repeal History (and Invite Lawsuits)

Bill 9 aims to erase up to 7,000 of these long-legal units by 2026, including roughly 1,000 owned by Hawai'i residents. That directly contradicts §19.12.020(G) and the grandfather clause baked into Ordinance 1797. It would:

- Nullify codified rights, inviting takings claims.
- Trigger estimated losses of \$900 million in visitor spending and \$60 million in property taxes, per UHERO's March 2025 study.
- Jeopardize 1,900–10,000 local jobs tied to maintenance, food service, and activities.

Recognizing those stakes, the Council even budgeted \$300 k for a legal-economic impact study before voting.

6 | Bottom Line for Residents & Lawmakers

Minatoya is not a loophole and not a favor—it's a mirror reflecting what the 1989 Council already wrote into law. Bill 9 doesn't "close an exemption"; it tries to retroactively erase rights that have stood unchallenged for 36 years. Doing so would break the County Code, flout constitutional protections, and hammer an economy still reeling from wildfire losses.

Defending §19.12.020(G) is defending the rule of law—and the local livelihoods built on it.

Please do not allow this bill to pass, it will be devastating to the economy we have left!

Wendi Anderson

Property Manager

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To: HLU Committee

Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

We must pass this bill with the ultimate best interests of Maui Nui and the future of a healthful community. We all witness the harmful impacts of inequity every day. To normalize the imbalances of not providing for Hawa'i'i before temporary interests is to perpetuate the ill health of island life today.

We can do better together.

We must stand and plan for a wealth that is founded on value of life.

Mahalo

Cynthia Harbert

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Alondra Galindo, and I'm testifying in strong support of Bill 9.

I've lived in Maui for the past 12 years. In that time, I've seen firsthand how hard it is for working families to survive here. My parents have always had to work two, sometimes three jobs, just so we could afford to live in a small one-and-a-half bedroom house. My sister, only 17 at the time, had to take on the role of caretaker for my younger brother and me and right after high school, She also had to work two jobs. She had no choice but to grow up fast—she gave up her youth so we could stay afloat as a family.

Because of this, my younger sibling and I spent more time with our teachers than with our parents. That's the reality for so many families here. This isn't just about money. It's about giving families time together. It's about letting older sisters be kids again. And it's about creating a future where children don't have to take on adult responsibilities just to get by. To those who say that if this bill passes, and families are allowed to live in a two-bedroom unit, it "wouldn't be ideal"—guess what? That's already our reality. Even before Lahaina burned down, families across Maui were packed into tiny spaces, doing everything they could to stay housed. The so-called "less-than-ideal" is already the everyday truth for many of us. This bill doesn't lower the standard—it meets us where we already are and offers dignity, security, and hope.

Please support Bill 9. For the sake of our working families. For the sake of our keiki. For the sake of our future.

Mahalo for your time.

Roots Reborn

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Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Aloha.

My name is Sharon Smith and I'm here today on behalf of my spouse, Don Barbieri as well, asking you to approve Bill 9.

We and our two cats are residents living in Wailea in one of the condos just down the street from a complex on the Minatoya list that we kept hearing at the last meeting isn't suitable to live in. 2 bedrooms, same vintage and we love living there, and so will others looking for 1 or 2 bedroom homes to live in if given the chance.

Relative to these homes not being affordable to local people, ironically we're hearing this from the actual employers of the STR properties so maybe what we really need is to rethink the livable wages, health insurance, holidays, paid vacations and family leave they don't provide. If the STR industry can't afford to pay their workers enough to own or rent 2-bedroom places to live, maybe that industry needs to change, not the definition of housing.

Relative to AOAO fees, let's add to the conversation that one of the reasons fees are so high is deferred maintenance in many of these properties. We need these boards filled with people who live here caring for long term homes in a real community as these zones are intended vs only how decisions are impacting their investment and rental income. We suggest subsidizing these fees for certain resident owners as part of the affordable housing plan until things stabilize.

We need to stop people having to move away and want all our neighbors to thrive including the majority who work in an industry that we're constantly being told is critical or our economy will collapse. The majority of people not having access to adequate housing or basic daily needs actually sounds like collapse to us.

Where we live in Wailea, developments are approved that deplete our island's infrastructure and are given exemptions for meager commitments they made initially for roads and workforce-or-affordable housing. Owners of homes they don't live in get more focus from our government than residents do in hotel zones. That shouldn't be the case anywhere but certainly not outside of hotel zones.

Airbnb started in 2008 which coincides with things really going sideways here for residents and working people. The problem isn't "not enough tourism" - the problem is there will never be enough for some people. Let's get more homes back into residents' hands where they belonged to begin with and then let's move on to the rest of our community's needs because there are many.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Sharon Smith & Don Barbieri 808-446-0297 sharonkaysmith@me.com donbarbieri@me.com

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 2:08 PM

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Aloha Council Members ...

I'm the Wailea testifier from earlier today (testimony attached). My sincere apologies for not remembering what we pay for insurance and dues - remembering numbers is not my forte to say the least. The accurate information is below. Please let me know what questions you have or if there is other information you'd like. We'd like to help in any way possible. We know Bill 9 isn't the whole answer but it's definitely part of it.

Where we live at Wailea Point (hotel zone), these are the monthly fees. Our condo is currently assessed at \$1.9 million and is 1,809 square feet.

\$2,790 monthly AOAO dues, maintenance, cable, internet, insurance, etc.

\$150 monthly insurance for just our condo

\$343 monthly property taxes (with resident exemption - approximately four units out of 100+ are residents)

\$45 monthly Wailea Community Association dues

\$3,794 monthly AOAO special assessment for 5 months of condo complex insurance

Where my spouse and his family own a condo at Makena Surf (hotel zone), monthly fees are as follows. This is not rented and not owner occupied. The assessed value is \$4 million and is 2,133 square feet.

\$2,821 monthly AOAO dues, maintenance, cable, internet, insurance, etc.

\$197 monthly insurance for just the condo

\$4,668 monthly property taxes (STR taxes - approximately four units out of 100+ are residents)

\$1,455 monthly AOAO special assessment for 8 months of condo complex insurance

Sharon Smith via my iPad She/Her/Hers Cell & text: 808-446-0297

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 2:46 PM

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

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Aloha!

We SUPPORT Bill 9 to convert short-term units into long-term housing for Maui RESIDENTS. Please please please pass this bill! The residents need this! Tourists still have hotels available. Our resident housing crisis and their livelihood is much more critical than keeping STRs available for tourists. Now is not the time to even question this issue!!!

Please pass this bill!!

Mahalo, Casey & Tracy Kalāhiki

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Aloha,

Please find my written testimony, requested by Council Member Alice Lee during my verbal testimony today. Mahalo!

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Aloha,

Amanda Franta

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Thank you for taking the time to listen to our testimony today and throughout the discussion on Bill 9. My name is Amanda Franta, I am born and raised here on Maui, and I strongly oppose Bill 9. I work for a property management company that manages short term rentals, long term rentals, FEMA properties, and more. Our company employs nearly 70 local residents here on Maui, and additionally we work with and support over 130 local vendors for our cleaning and maintenance needs that our rentals have. Yearly, we contract out roughly \$2.7 million in repairs and maintenance through local vendors that our short term rental properties require. In 2024, we paid out over \$2 million to locally owned and operated cleaning companies.

This industry has provided an opportunity for countless residents to create and run their own businesses from, whether it's a professional cleaning company, local plumbing company, window washers, appliance technicians and more- this industry not only supports thousands of local residents, it also has created opportunity that they may not have had without vacation rentals to service. Many of these vendors solely rely on vacation rental property needs.

It was mentioned in a presentation at the beginning of the hearing that 94% of lodging revenue from STRs are lost as it is taken off island by a non-resident homeowner, but that is not true- local management companies charge anywhere from 20-30% of that rental income to manage these properties. In addition to that are the separate cleaning fees and maintenance expenses that are collected and paid out here on Maui to local vendors.

The UHERO report quotes staggering economic implications from this Bill if it should pass-losses that will affect **US** as <u>local residents</u>. Losses for our schools, our infrastructure, our roads, our services, our affordable housing fund... the State and County revenue generated by vacation rentals on the Minatoya list is substantial... its significant and its loss would be devastating to Maui residents- and even with that sacrifice, this proposal <u>does not</u> guarantee housing for residents. In fact, many of our homeowners have already indicated that if this Bill passes, they will continue to own these properties for their personal use.

Mayor Bissen is suggesting properties should apply to be rezoned to short term use, which would protect county revenue streams in the future, but will it actually be achievable? What are the requirements, the process, the implications? Can this be done in a reasonable amount of time? It's a compromise that may make sense for properties that should remain as vacation rentals, but not with unreasonable requirements and an endless timeline to achieve re-zoning.

I ask that you consider the impact this will have on Maui residents, and how many rely on
this industry to support their families. We want <u>new</u> housing for our residents, we want
opportunities to run our own local businesses, and keep the profits here on Maui.

Mahalo,

Amanda Franta

From: Cheryl Hi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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Enough is enough

Mahalo!

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Aloha Councilmembers,

I'm not sure how much weight our testimony will carry because we are neither kanaka nor a STR owner. However, we have lived on Maui for over a decade, 3 out of 4 of our children were born here and currently go to school here and my husband and I run our small businesses here.

Even though we call Maui home and would love to one day buy our own house here, we still recognize that native, true Hawaiians should have first priority to the homes here. It's hard to say that but it's true. It's sad to think that we may never be able to buy a family home in our lifetime but that's in dull comparison to the families who have lived here their WHOLE lives through generations and are still fighting for a home.

By passing Bill 9 and turning the STRs into long term homes for locals, it gives us hope that maybe one day we'll be able to hang our hats on a home of our own. The more local families that are able to buy a home the better because then the list of families needing/wanting homes gets shorter and we may be able to have a chance after all.

In the meantime, we submit our testimony in support of Bill 9. We mahalo Lahaina Strong for all their efforts and for always supporting locals. We admire their commitment from Day 1 and have witnessed their hard work in helping locals.

Mahalo,

The Lee Ohana

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Hello, My name is Nicole Muao. I currently live in Goodyear, Arizona. I was priced out of Lahaina when I was 10 in the year 2000. Born in California but moved to Maui when I was 4 I started kindergarten at King Kamehahameha 3rd school on Front Street. Passed by Lahaina Banyan tree everyday big part of my childhood. We then moved to Ipukula Way there I started school at Princess Nahi Ena Ena went there 1st to 4th grade. I met my friend Courtney Keakahulilani and other friends who also lost their homes in Lahaina fire. Never forget the ugly feeling I got seeing my childhood friends talk about losing their homes and how Lahaina is gone!! Hearing local Hawaiian familes who been in Lahaina/Hawaii for generations and generations being displaced all over yet there's room for them at home is heartbreaking. What is Hawaii without the Hawaiians? The Aloha spirit stays with you forever even years after leaving because of the Hawaiians in Lahaina who showed you it. I speak for the Hawaiians/ locals that lived in my old stomping grounds where I ran around freely. I strongly support Bill 9 so the people who deserve to be in Lahaina/Hawaii can come back home where they belong. Since the mid 90s local familes had to leave due to ridiculous cost of living. It's time for a change so the people of Lahaina can stay in Lahaina.

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Aloha,

As requested by committee members during today's meeting, please see attached a copy of CNHA's testimony regarding Bill 9. Could you please ensure all members receive a copy of our testimony? We are also working on a more detailed explanation of our proposed amendments and will send that out shortly.

Mahalo,

Nicholas Carroll

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Bill 9 – A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapters 19.12, 19.34, and 19.37, Maui County Code, Relating to Transient Vacation Rentals in Apartment Districts

RE: Support of Bill 9

June 9, 2025

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) **strongly supports Bill 9**, which would phase out transient vacation rentals (TVRs) in apartment districts across Maui County.

Maui is facing an unprecedented housing crisis, worsened by the 2023 wildfires that destroyed more than 3,000 housing units. Families across the island — renters, kūpuna, working parents, and young adults — are struggling to find affordable places to live. As one Maui resident recently shared:

"Our rent has gone up twice since the fires. We want to stay on Maui, but we're barely hanging on."

Bill 9 is not the only solution, but it represents an essential first step — a practical, immediate way to relieve housing pressure while the County continues to pursue long-term housing construction.

A Pressing Opportunity: Converting TVRs to Housing

Today, over 6,127 TVRs operate in apartment districts — more than 20% of Maui's entire housing stock — many of which are small studios and one-bedrooms that could serve as starter homes or workforce housing.

At the same time, 45% of Maui households are renters, according to 2022 Census Bureau data — one of the highest renter rates in the state. Rents have spiked, forcing many local families and workers out of the market.

The University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO) projects that Bill 9 could lead to:

- 20-40% decline in condo prices
- An increase in households able to afford housing without spending more than 30% of income from 14% to 21%

UHERO further notes:

"Lower condo prices could incentivize more households to transition from renting to owning, thereby reducing demand for rentals."

This is top priority for CNHA. Through our HUD-certified counseling and financial literacy programs, we are working to help Maui renters become homeowners — so that as housing prices settle, more local families can build wealth and stability here.

Why Act Now: A Pressure Reliever with Immediate Benefits

Bill 9 is not a long-term substitute for new housing construction. The County must continue to prioritize building new homes.

However, new construction faces:

- High infrastructure costs

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- Years of delays — especially for water resource allocation and Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) approvals

Converting existing TVRs could add 13% to Maui's housing stock — the equivalent of a decade of new construction at current rates — without requiring new water or infrastructure.

In this way, Bill 9 serves as an essential short-term pressure reliever — helping stabilize the market so families can stay on Maui while longer-term housing is built.

Restoring Community Balance: Who Are We Housing For?

According to UHERO:

"85% of owners who use their units as TVRs have an out-of-county mailing address."

Maui should be building housing for those who live here — not for absentee investors. Bill 9 will help prioritize residents who want to build their lives in Maui, not those seeking to extract profits from afar.

Supporting Destination Management and Regenerative Tourism

Keeping visitors in designated resort areas allows for:

- More effective visitor education
- Better management of visitor impacts
- Stronger alignment with regenerative tourism values

Over 8,000 legally permitted TVRs and hotel units will remain available, ensuring a healthy, sustainable visitor industry. Bill 9 helps restore balance — protecting residential neighborhoods while enhancing visitor experiences.

Catalyst for Economic Diversification

Bill 9 can also help diversify Maui's economy, by:

- Creating room for higher-value visitor sectors (cultural tourism, eco-tourism, heritage experiences)
- Supporting new industries (technology, creative industries, sustainable agriculture) that offer higher-wage, stable jobs for residents

Addressing Revenue Concerns: Recommendations for a Phased Transition

CNHA recognizes and respects concerns about short-term tax revenue impacts. We recommend:

- Extending the transition period
- Phasing out TVRs in smaller increments or by geographic areas, rather than two large phases

These adjustments will allow the County to manage revenue changes while achieving the bill's long-term community goals.

Policy Refinements to Strengthen Bill 9

CNHA urges the Council to:

- Include strong enforcement mechanisms (penalties similar to Honolulu)
- Implement an empty homes tax to ensure units convert to long-term housing
- Maintain focus on conversion of existing TVRs an immediate pressure relief measure
- Keep new housing construction as a top long-term priority
- Consider phased implementation to address revenue concerns

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Conclusion

Bill 9 offers a balanced, immediate opportunity to:

- Stabilize and reduce rental prices
- Unlock starter homes and workforce housing
- Avoid costly new infrastructure
- Keep visitors in appropriate resort zones
- Prioritize housing for residents, not absentee investors
- Support regenerative tourism
- Foster economic diversification
- Relieve pressure while longer-term housing is built

For the future of Lāhainā, for our keiki and kūpuna, and to protect what makes Maui special, CNHA strongly urges the Council to PASS Bill 9 — with these refinements — as part of a comprehensive, community-driven housing strategy.

We look forward to working with the Council, County agencies, and community partners to ensure this policy is implemented responsibly and with aloha.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kūḥiō/Lewis

Chief Executive Officer, CNHA