

## BF Committee

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**Subject:** STH Tax

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

Please leave the STRH permit holders in the commercial tax category. Enuf already!

It is not fair to tax a one or two bedroom permitted rental at the same rate as a zoned rental.

A small neighborhood based STRH is not the same as a CONDO! A Condo does not go through a permitting process and pay an annual fee. A Condo owner does NOT need to pay over \$1000 a year for liability insurance to satisfy Maui County regulations.

It is not fair to increase taxes on LEGAL rentals while there are so many illegal rentals operating in the County.

Small STRH units are not operated at the same level as Condos and Hotels.

Key the tax rates to the SIZE of the legal, permitted STRH operation. A one or two bedroom STRH should be taxed LOWER than the rate for a condo or hotel.

This segment of the tourist market in Maui County fills an important niche for both the traveller and the local host. It should be helped, not hindered. Help the mom and pop hosts who live here compete with off island owners and unlicensed, illegal operators who take advantage of the Maui market.

I VOTE in every election.

Mahalo for your consideration of these requests.

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