

AH Committee

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You must make housing affordable. The developers do not set the prices, the county and state are responsible for the overpriced houses. HUD is responsible to selling it to "tourists" after 90 days. Hawaii needs residency requirements for housing. We do not want rentals. We want homes with fences, nahanas, gardens, lanai's, trees. See any trees lately? When broken down by metropolitan area, the relative value of \$100 in urban Honolulu was [\\$80.19](#). says Kealii Akina. Working class bus drivers, health care workers, etc. do not earn \$80k per year.

Why is the value of \$100 important when we're talking about income? Because it can make a real difference in what constitutes a "living wage." For example, North Dakota and Vermont in 2017 had roughly the same average per capita income, about \$52,000. But when adjusted for purchasing power, a big gap appeared. In North Dakota, where prices are low, \$52,284 became worth \$54,890. In Vermont, where prices are high, \$52,152 equaled only \$48,123

Please help us.

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