

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**December 5, 2023
9:00 AM**

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:03 A.M.

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via BlueJeans <https://maui.bluejeans.com/295235670>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

Video recording of meeting available at: www.mauicounty.legistar.com

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
Tasha Kama			√	
Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
Tamara Paltin	√			
Gabe Johnson	√			2:00 p.m. – end of meeting
Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
Tom Cook	√			
Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			1:14 p.m. – end of meeting
Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	8		1	

PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY

ORDINANCES

Bill 131 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:10 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama			√	Time Motion Made	2:10 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson			√	Seconder	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:36 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	6		3	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:12 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama			√	Time Motion Made	2:12 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND per distributed ASF
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson			√	Seconder	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:34 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	6		3	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama			√	Time Motion Made	2:13 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	WAIVE Rule 7G
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson			√	Seconder	Rawlins-Fernandez

CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:13 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	6		3	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama			√	Time Motion Made	2:31 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson			√	Seconder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:34 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	6		3	MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:36 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2023-12-05 9:00 AM - Special Meeting

[GAVEL] >> WILL THE SPECIAL MEETING OF -- COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5TH - SOMEBODY HAS TWO DEVICES ON. OKAY. WILL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5TH, 2023 PLEASE COME TO ORDER. MS. CLERK, ROLL CALL. >> CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH ROLL CALL. IF APPLICABLE, IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANYONE EXCEPT MINORS ARE PRESENT IN THE ROOM WITH YOU.\r\n\r\nCOUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> IS SHE ON? EXCUSED FOR NOW. >> VICE-CHAIR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> GOOD MORNING. LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE MEETING. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> ALOHA, CHAIR. ALOHA. THERE'S NO TESTIFIERS AT THE LANAI DISTRICT OFFICE, AND I'M ALONE. >> OKAY, VERY GOOD. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. LET'S SEE, THE MOLOKA'I DISTRICT OFFICE IS REPORTING THERE ARE NO CURRENT TESTIFIERS THERE. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> GOOD TO SEE YOU ON MAUI. >> GOOD TO SEE YOU. >> SHE DOESN'T MEAN THAT. [LAUGHTER]. COUNCIL MEMBER COOK.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, MEMBERS. >> GOOD MORNING. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR. I'M ALONE IN MY HOTEL ROOM. NICE TO SEE YOU ALL.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD TO SEE YOU IN UTAH. OKAY. NEXT. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. MAUI AKINA, HAPPY TO JOIN WITH OFFICE MEMBERS AND NO TESTIFIERS, CHAIR. >> AND CHAIR ALICE LEE.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA KAKOU. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE EIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT, ONE EXCUSED. A MAJORITY IS PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL AND I'M THE COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY AND ALSO PRESENT IS LEGISLATIVE DIVISION STAFF LAUREN SALDANA AND DELL YOSHIDA. JOINING FROM COUNCIL SERVICES IS DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ AND DEPUTY REPORT RICHELLE KAWASAKI AND DEPUTY OF CORPORATION COUNSEL IS CORPORATION COUNSEL VICTORIA TAKAYESU AND WE HAVE MAYOR BISSEN. >> PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH TODAY'S AGENDA MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THAT EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MEEK MICROPHONE MUTED UNLESS IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK.\r\n\r\nWRITTEN AND ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TESTIMONY AND AFTER THE PRESENTATION BY THE ADMINISTRATION. TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA, WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL, AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER, OR THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM. DECORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. ANY PERSON WHO BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS, DISTURBS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS CAN AT DISCRETION -- AT ANY COUNCIL MEETING CAN AT THE DIRECTION IS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE EJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, BE MUTED, OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF, OR GENERAL PUBLIC. AS A REMINDER, THE CHAT SHALL BE USED ONLY TO SIGN UP FOR TESTIMONY, AND NOT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON THE MEETING.\r\n\r\nIT WILL BE CONSIDERED A BREACH OF DECORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO USE THE CHAT FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN TESTIMONY SIGN UP. NOW BEFORE WE BEGIN, I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION WITH WHAT IS SCHEDULED TODAY. TODAY WE ARE DISCUSSING BILL 131, AND NOTHING ELSE . I'M SURE THIS WASN'T INTENTIONAL, BUT WHEN THIS BILL WAS PRESENTED TO THE MEDIA, AT THE -- ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME AS THE MAYOR ALSO SENT A PRESS RELEASE TALKING ABOUT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS BILL, BUT OTHER THINGS THAT HE PLANS TO DO IN THE FUTURE. SO WE NEED TO CONFINE OUR REMARKS TO ONLY BILL 131, AS REQUIRED BY THE SUNSHINE LAW. AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS DISCRETIONARY. THIS IS -- WE MUST FOLLOW THE LAW AND THE LAW SAYS TALK ONLY ABOUT BILL 131. AND I WILL BE

HAPPY TO REMIND YOU, BUT I APOLOGIZE, BUT SOMETIMES THESE THINGS HAPPEN, AND LIKE I SAID, IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL TO CONFUSE ANYBODY. SO MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> AT THIS TIME INDIVIDUALS MAY TESTIFY ON BILL 131 (2023) WHICH IS THE ONLY ITEM ON OUR AGENDA. THE FIRST TESTIFIER WILL BE BOB HANSEN, FOLLOWED BY TARSIS. >> IT'S BOB HANSEN, HELLO EVERYBODY. IS BILL 131. >> MR. HANSEN, COULD YOU SPEAK A LITTLE LOUDER, WE CAN HARDLY HEAR YOU. >> WHAT IS BILL 131? >> MS. CLERK, PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE BILL 131. >> BILL 131 (2023) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION. >> CHAIR? >> YES. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> SINCE WE ONLY HAVE ONE ITEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA, PERHAPS WE START WITH PRESENTATION AND THAT WAY EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WHAT BILL 131 IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT AND THEN WE TAKE TESTIMONY. >> OKAY. THAT WILL BE GOOD. >> THAT IS FINE. >> DAVID, ARE WE ALLOWED TO DO THAT? >> YES. >> HE AND I BOTH WENT OVER THIS PREVIOUSLY, AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT WE TAKE TESTIMONY BOTH TIMES, SINCE WE ADVERTISED BEGINNING, BUT CAN WE CHANGE TO THAT AFTER THE PRESENTATION? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. UNDER THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE SUNSHINE LAW, YOU HAVE TO KEEP TESTIMONY OPEN UNTIL AFTER ANY PRESENTATIONS. YOU DO HAVE TO GIVE TESTIFIERS THAT OPTION. YOU COULD ALSO GIVE THE TESTIFIERS THE OPTION OF TESTIFYING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. >> OKAY. MR. HANSEN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO TESTIFY AFTER THE PRESENTATION? SO IT WILL BE REALLY CLEAR WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH TODAY? >> OKAY. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE PRESENTATION WOULD BE? >> MR. MAYOR, OR MARCY? AND MARCY, HOW LONG? I KNOW YOU HAVE A POWERPOINT. SO LET'S SAY TEN MINUTES? HOW ABOUT TEN MINUTES. >> THAT IS FINE. I WILL WAIT. THANK YOU. I WILL WAIT. >> WE'RE GOING TO ASK EVERYBODY ELSE WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE BEGINNING PART OF THE TESTIMONY. >> ALICE, I THINK YOU'RE MUTED. >> MR. HANSEN, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU MIGHT BE MUTED. CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY. >> OH, YES. I CAN HEAR YOU NOW. YOU WENT AWAY FOR A LITTLE BIT. SORRY. >> OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I'M STILL HERE. MS. CLERK. GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD. >> YES, CHAIR. WE WILL START WITH THE PRESENTATION BY MAYOR RICHARD T. BISSEN. ALOHA, CHAIR LEE, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU AND OUR COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS BILL 131. TODAY I'M PROPOSING A BILL THAT WOULD OFFER 100% REAL PROPERTY TAX-EXEMPTION FOR OWNERS WHO STEPPED UP TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM RENTAL HOUSING FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE AUGUST 8 WILDFIRES. I RECOGNIZE THERE'S SO MUCH ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY FOR SO MANY OF OUR FAMILIES THAT CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE THESE TRANSITIONS WITH SHORT-TERM HOUSING IN OUR HOTELS. LET ME SAY THANK YOU TO THOSE HOTELS WHO STEPPED UP EARLY TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY. EVERY DAY THE THOUGHTS OF OUR ADMINISTRATION AND OUR TEAM ARE WITH THESE FAMILIES, AS OUR TEAM AND I ARE ACUTELY FOCUSED ON IDENTIFYING HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND I ASSURE YOU THAT NO SURVIVORS WILL BE EVICTED OR LEFT WITHOUT HOUSING AS WE NAVIGATE THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. HOUSING CONTINUES TO BE OUR TOP FOCUS, AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH FEMA, THE RED CROSS, STATE FEDERAL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ENSURE THAT THE WELL-BEING AND HOUSING NEEDS OF OUR DISPLACED FAMILIES ARE ADDRESSED WITH THE UTMOST URGENCY. WHILE WE'RE ALL NAVIGATING THESE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH THIS DISASTER, ONE THING IS CERTAIN, I BELIEVE WE ALL SHARE A PROFOUND KULEANA IN CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE. WITH THAT RESPONSIBILITY COMES A SHARED SACRIFICE TO ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE RETURNED TO A PLACE THAT THEY CAN CALL HOME. SO WE'RE FACED WITH THE DAUNTING TASK OF IDENTIFYING APPROXIMATELY 2700 HOMES TO HOUSE FAMILIES WITH AN INVENTORY OF APPROXIMATELY 13,800 SHORT-TERM RENTALS, 2500 TIME SHARE UNITS, AND 16,000 NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED UNITS ALREADY EXISTING ON MAUI. MANY OF THESE SIT EMPTY, AND WE ENCOURAGE THAT WE CAN MEET OUR GOAL OF THE 2700 UNITS THAT WE NEED. AS MAYOR, I'M SPEAKING DIRECTLY NOW TO OUR SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS, REQUESTING THAT THEY THEIR KOKUA IN STEPPING UP TO MAKE THESE UNITS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE WILL BENEFIT FROM A 100% REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND ASSURANCE OF A LONG-TERM RENTER WITH AN

AVERAGE SHORT-TERM BOOKING RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 70% IN HAWAII AND ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE REDUCTION OF BOOKINGS IN WEST MAUI, DUE TO THIS DISASTER, THIS INCENTIVE WILL PROVIDE OWNERS WITH WARRANTED RENTAL INCOME ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS. PAIRED WITH SAVINGS NO LONGER PAYING CLEANING AND BOOKING FEES OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH VACATION RENTALS.

I UNDERSTAND THE THREE CONCERNS THAT THESE OWNERS HAVE. HOW WILL THEY PROTECT THEIR ASSET? WE INTEND TO HAVE A FUND SET UP THROUGH OUR PARTNERS TO ENSURE THAT SHOULD ANY DAMAGE OCCUR THAT WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT EXPENSE. THE SECOND CONCERN IS THAT THEY COMPETE WITH ILLEGAL VACATION RENTAL OWNERS AND THAT IS SOMETHING FOR ANOTHER DAY, I THINK, A ROBUST DISCUSSION WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT? AND FINALLY, THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT TO ME, AND THE EMAILS THAT COME TO ME, IS THAT THEY WILL BE LOSING MONEY. AND THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT'S RIGHT. THEY WILL BE LOSING MONEY.

BUT WHAT THEY WILL BE GAINING IS MUCH MORE AND WHAT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY GAINS. AND SO THAT IS PART OF THE SHARED SACRIFICE I TALKED ABOUT. WE'RE CONFIDENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF FEMA THAT HOMEOWNERS WILL HAVE A STRONG INCENTIVE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. MY INTENTION LATER, I'M NOT ASKING FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THIS IS TO HAVE A PART 2 TO THIS, THE TIMING RIGHT NOW DOES NOT WORK FOR THAT, BECAUSE OUR TAX RATES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. SO THIS IS A DISCUSSION THAT HAS TO TAKE PLACE FOR THE NEXT. BUT WE'LL BE PREPARED TO OFFER A SOLUTION TO THAT AS WELL. SO I WOULD LIKE -- I WOULD LIKE, AGAIN, OUR COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE USING TO ADDRESS THESE LONG-TERM HOUSING NEEDS, AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS, TO EXPLORE ANY OTHER FEASIBLE OPTIONS TO CREATE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

THOSE OPTIONS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS, MODULAR HOUSING SOLUTIONS, EXPEDITING HOUSING PROJECTS, ET CETERA. IN FACT OUR FIRST HOMEOWNER IN KULA HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED PERFORMS TO REBUILD. WE'RE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE AND I'M TOLD THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP MOVE OUR DISPLACED FAMILIES INTO HOMES AS SOON AS FEBRUARY 1ST AND OFFER INCENTIVES TO THOSE ALREADY OFFERING HOUSING TO DISPLACED FAMILIES. AND AGAIN, LET ME THANK THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED UNITS AND DO NOT REQUIRE THIS MOVE. WHILE NO SOLUTION COMES WITHOUT SACRIFICE, IT'S MY BELIEF THIS INCENTIVE WILL GENERATE VITAL HOUSING CAPACITY AND INVENTORY IMMEDIATELY AND ALLOW US THE TIME WE NEED TO FURTHER EXPLORE MORE PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I WANTED TO INTRODUCE SCOTT, BUT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. HE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR QUESTIONS, AND MARCY WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MARCY MARTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WOULD SOMEONE DISPLAY -- >> YES. IT'S RIGHT THERE. >> THANK YOU.

SO I'M WITH THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DIVISION, AND ONE OF THE INCENTIVES THAT THE COUNTY OF MAUI CAN OFFER PROPERTY OWNERS FOR USING THEIR PROPERTY FOR LONG-TERM RENTAL IS A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. AND FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE AN EXAMPLE. THIS IS ONE YEAR OF TAXES FOR A PROPERTY THAT IS ASSESSED AT \$1 MILLION. AND CURRENTLY, THE TAXES FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION ARE DIFFERENT, BECAUSE OUR RATES ARE DIFFERENT FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION, NON-OWNER OCCUPIED BEING THE LOWEST IN THE CHART. THEN THE TVR SHORT-TERM RENTAL RATE AND THEN THE TIME SHARE RATE. NOT SHOWN HERE IS THE HOMEOWNER RATE, WHICH IS THE LOWEST AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR HOUSES IN EVERY CATEGORY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS EXEMPTION, BUT WE'RE USING THESE EXAMPLES BECAUSE THESE PROPERTIES AREN'T OWNER-OCCUPIED. SO FIRST OF ALL, THE DEPARTMENT WORKED WITH COUNCIL WITH BILL 95 TO CREATE A SIX-MONTH EXEMPTION.

THIS IS A HYBRID A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNER OR SECOND HOMEOWNER MAY WANT TO STAY IN THEIR HOME FOR THREE MONTHS, BUT THEY CAN OFFER THEIR HOME FOR RENT FOR A SIX-MONTH LEASE AND GET AN EXEMPTION. THAT WOULD AGAIN LOWER THEIR TAXES SIGNIFICANTLY. THE CURRENT EXEMPTION THAT WE HAVE IS THE LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION AND THE LONG-TERM RENTAL CLASS, AND WE HAVE ALMOST 4,000 PEOPLE IN THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR. AND WE'RE ENCOURAGING ALL LANDLORDS WHO HAVE TENANTS TO APPLY FOR THIS EXEMPTION. YOU NEED A ONE-YEAR LEASE AND YOU AREN'T REQUIRED TO RENT TO SOMEBODY WHO IS DISPLACED. YOU WILL NOTICE ON THE CHART, NO MATTER WHAT CLASSIFICATION YOU ARE IN, YOU GO TO THE

LONG-TERM RENTAL CLASS, AND YOU GET THE EXEMPTION, AND THE TAX RELIEF IS VERY BENEFICIAL FOR THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSESSED AT \$1 MILLION, YOUR TAXES GO FROM ALMOST \$12,000 A YEAR TO \$2,400 A YEAR. CURRENTLY THE DEADLINE FOR THAT IS DECEMBER 31ST.\r\n\r\nYOU CAN EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION, YOU CAN GO TO MAUI PROPERTY TAX.COM AND GET THE APPLICATION. NON-DISPLACED. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY APPLIED AND YOU ARE RENTING TO A DISPLACED, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT OUR DIVISION SO THAT WE WILL MOVE YOU FROM THE CURRENT PROGRAM TO THE PROPOSED PROGRAM SHOULD IT PASS. SO THE LAST EXEMPTION IS BILL 131, WHICH IS OFFERING A ONE-YEAR LEASE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DISPLACED BY THE WILDFIRES, AND YOUR ANNUAL TAXES GO TO ZERO. SO YOU DON'T EVEN PAY THE MINIMUM TAX. SO THIS IS SHOWING ONE YEAR. IF YOU APPLY BY JANUARY 31ST, YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A YEAR-AND-A-HALF.\r\n\r\nYOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CURRENT PAYMENT COMING UP THAT IS DUE FEBRUARY 20TH. AND THEN YOU WILL BE EXEMPT THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2025 FOR THE WHOLE FISCAL YEAR. IF YOU APPLY BY MARCH 15TH, THEN YOU GET THE ONE-YEAR OF BENEFIT. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE? SO THIS CHART HERE IT'S A PARTIAL CHART. IT'S JUST SHOWING THE KIHEI-MAKENA AND WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS, AND THE NUMBER OF TVR ENTITLED CONDOMINIUM UNITS, AND WHERE THEIR VALUES ARE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CHART BELOW, MOST OF THE UNITS ARE VALUED AT A MILLION DOLLARS AND LESS.\r\n\r\nTHE AVERAGE VALUES ARE ABOUT 1.3 MILLION AND THE MEDIAN, WHICH IS HALF OF THE UNITS, THE MEDIAN, IS A LITTLE OVER \$900,000. SO THESE NUMBERS WILL BE USED TO PROJECT WHAT WE WILL NEED TO BUDGET FOR THIS PROGRAM. IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE NEXT SLIDE, OH, AND IT ALSO SHOWS THERE'S ALMOST 14,000 UNITS AVAILABLE, AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR 2700. IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS IS THE SAME FORMAT AS THE CHART BEFORE, BUT IT IS SHOWING THE NUMBER OF NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED UNITS. THIS INCLUDES WAILUKU AND KAHULUI AS WELL. AGAIN, THE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO ALL AREAS OF MAUI, AND ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITH HOMES. THERE'S ALSO AN INVENTORY HERE, AGAIN, IF YOU ARE IN THIS NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED CLASS, AND YOU HAVE A YEAR LEASE AND IT'S NOT TO A DISPLACED YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE CURRENT LONG-TERM RENTAL PROGRAM BY DECEMBER 31ST. THE PROGRAM IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO TIME SHARE UNITS. A LOT OF THE TIME SHARES HAVE KITCHENS, BEDROOMS, AND THIS INVENTORY HERE OF TIME SHARES IS INDIVIDUAL CONDOMINIUMS.\r\n\r\nTHERE ARE SEVERAL TIME SHARES THAT AREN'T CONDOMINIUMIZED, BUT HAVE MULTIPLE UNITS IN THEM. SO THE INVENTORY ACTUALLY IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF HOMES IS A LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN THE 2500 AND THE DIVISION AND THE DEPARTMENT ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS WORK. WE WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT AND WE WANT PEOPLE TO APPLY. THANK YOU. >> CHAIR? CHAIR LEE? >> SCOTT, MR.\r\n\r\nTERUYA. ARE YOU GOING TO PRESENT SOMETHING? BECAUSE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS, THAT COMES A LITTLE LATER. >> OKAY. LATER. THANK YOU. >> FEEL FREE TO ADD ANYTHING TO MS.\r\n\r\nMARTIN'S PRESENTATION, IF YOU WANT TO. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. GOOD MORNING MEMBERS. JUST TO ADD FOR WHAT WAS NOT COVERED, MAYBE THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT, ARE THINGS, LIKE THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE SECOND HALF TAX RELIEF FOR THOSE WHO OPT IN THE PROGRAM BY JANUARY 31ST. MY RECOMMENDATION, AS WELL AS BUDGET OFFICE KNOWS THAT WE'RE ANTICIPATING COVERING THE REVENUE LOSS FROM CARRY-OVER SAVINGS. I WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE TIME-SENSITIVITY OF THIS IS IMPORTANT, I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE SHORT. JANUARY 31ST.\r\n\r\n. >> SORRY, MR. TERUYA. STAFF, CAN YOU MUTE THE AMBIENT NOISES. OKAY, MR. TERUYA, I THINK WE GOT IT. >> SORRY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE MEMBERS TO KNOW THAT THE DEADLINE IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE NEED TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE UNITS THAT ARE OPTING INTO THIS PROGRAM FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES.\r\n\r\nSO WE WILL KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH REVENUE LOSS WILL BE ATTRIBUTED FROM THOSE WHO OPT-IN. THE PLAN FROM THE ADMINISTRATION IS TO COVER THE REVENUE LOSS BY OTHER PROPERTIES THAT ARE NOT OPTING IN AND THAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER CERTIFICATION IS DONE, AS WE REVIEW THE APPLICANTS AND WHAT BUCKETS THAT THEY ARE COMING FROM BEFORE WE REALIZE OR PROPOSE TAX RATE CHANGES. THAT IS ALL I HAVE FOR OPENING COMMENTS. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU NOW WE'LL RESUME TESTIMONY. MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, WE'LL BEGIN WITH BOB HANSEN, FOLLOWED BY TARSIS. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. THE BILL IS WHAT I THOUGHT. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW THE NUMBER. I JUST GOT TO SAY, I REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT THE COUNCIL IS DOING AND THE

MAYOR. IT REALLY IS A FANTASTIC PROGRAM, WELL-THOUGHT OUT.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANTED TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS, AND I JUST DON'T WANT THEM TO SUMMARILY TAKE AWAY MY PERSONAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE OTHER THING IS I REALLY HOPE, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION FROM SCOTT ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM. BECAUSE MY TAXES ARE SO HIGH RIGHT NOW, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO -- I JUST HOPE THAT YOU DON'T RAISE MY TAXES WITH THE TIERED TAXES, AND THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES, AND THE TAX RATES GOING UP. IT'S PRETTY TOUGH RIGHT NOW. SO THAT IS ALL I NEEDED TO SAY. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL IDEAS. >> THANK YOU MEMBERS, DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? PLEASE HELP ME CHECK THE SCREEN, TOO.\r\n\r\nBECAUSE I DON'T SEE EVERYBODY. NO QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, MR. HANSEN. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TARSIS, FOLLOWED BY JUSTICE VERALIN. >> AGAIN. >> TARSIS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.\r\n\r\nI CAN SEE YOU ON MY SCREEN, BUT IT APPEARS YOU ARE MUTED ON YOUR END. >> YOU CAN SEE HIM? >> I CAN SEE HIM. >> NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JUSTICE VERALIN AND WE'LL CIRCLE BACK TO YOU, TARSIS. : >> ALL RIGHTY. ALOHA, ALOHA COUNCIL, MAHALO.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS JUSTICE KO KALANI FAITH VERALIN AND MAHALO FOR STRATEGIZING AND PROPOSING THIS BILL. I DO BELIEVE IT'S A POSITIVE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LAHAINA, AND OUR SURVIVORS NEED IT. OUR PEOPLE NEED HOUSING ON THE WEST SIDE, SPECIFICALLY. I WORK AT HYATT AND MY HOTEL'S OCCUPANCY JUMPED TO 100% THIS WEEK THROUGH THE NEW YEAR. THIS IS ADDED TO THE VISITORS COMING, WHO WENT AND GOT THEIR DEALS THROUGH AIRBNB TIME SHARE OWNERS AND ALSO FAMILIES WHO OWN AND PLAN TO COME ONLY ONCE WHEN IT'S TOO COLD FOR THEM IN THE WINTER. TRAFFIC WAS BACKED UP TO CUT MOUNTAIN, ALMOST TO THE LAHAINA DUMP. THAT IS A TRAP -- SORRY.\r\n\r\nPROPERTY OWNERS, I HOPE, CAN SEE THE POSITIVE IT WILL BRING TO BOTH SURVIVORS AND THEMSELVES. YOU ALSO GET A TAX-EXEMPTION, SACRIFICE A CHUNK OF TIME FOR CHARITABLE. MY PLEA IS TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS THAT THE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE IN LAHAINA MY ASK IS FOR GRACE DURING THIS TIME. RESIDENTS ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE AND TEENAGERS ARE DYING BECAUSE THEIR LIVES HAVE COMPLETELY UPROOTED BY THIS DISASTER. AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THAT THIS COULD -- I BELIEVE, BE AVOIDED IF THERE WAS SOME SORT OF CAP ON STATE RESIDENCY. I LIVED IN CALIFORNIA, AND WE HAD TO ESTABLISH OUR ADDRESS FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE WE WERE ABLE TO BECOME STATE RESIDENTS. TOURISTS CAN COME VACATION ON THE WEEKEND, AND STAY HERE FOR TWO DAYS AND THEN THEY CAN CHECK THEIR BANK ACCOUNT AND BUY A HOUSE THE NEXT DAY.\r\n\r\nAND I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON THIS, THAT'S WHY OUR RESOURCES ARE LITERALLY DYING. SO MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME, AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR HOUSING, AND THE COMMUNITY OF LAHAINA, BECAUSE WE NEED SOMETHING FAST. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, JUSTICE. LET ME ASK THE MEMBERS IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS? MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS? ANYBODY ON THE SCREEN HAVE QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, WE'RE CIRCLING BACK TO TARSIS. I SEE THEY ARE SIGNED IN, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE ISSUE IS HERE. TARSIS, IF YOU CAN TRY TO UNMUTE ON YOUR END. CHAIR, WE CAN MOVE ON. >> OKAY. >> TO JAMES LUMPKIN, FOLLOWED BY GRETCHEN LOZANO.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO. >> GOOD MORNING. >> HELLO, ALOHA, THANK YOU FOR ALL BEING HERE, AND I AM IN SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL. THANK YOU TAMARA PALTIN FOR TAKING SO MUCH TIME AND LISTENING TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR LISTENING TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVING US SPEAK. IT'S AN IMPORTANT BILL. I WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK TO WHAT JUSTICE SAID SO ELOQUENTLY. OUR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE DYING AND THE RESOURCES ARE DYING AND IT'S A DIRE TIME.\r\n\r\nIT'S TIME FOR SOME URGENT TIME FOR US TO HAVE THE BILL IN PLACE AND I WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK ON DOZENS OF BILLS THAT SHOULD BE WRITTEN THAT WE'RE NOT WRITING, THE TRAFFIC THAT WAS BROUGHT UP BEFORE IS APPALLING. AND SO RESOURCES ARE LIMITED, AND OUR HOUSING HAS BEEN LIMITED TO A DIRE EXTENT. SO ANYBODY THAT IS AGAINST THIS, I WOULD SAY TO THEM THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO DON'T HAVE THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE. SO IF YOU ARE AGAINST THIS, IT'S -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT. LIKE, YOU ARE NOT BEING HELD WITH A GUN TO YOUR HEAD TO DO THIS. SO IF YOU THINK YOUR ITEMS IN YOUR HOUSE ARE TOO PRECIOUS TO LOSE, MAYBE I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO STORE YOUR PRECIOUS ITEMS, AND CREATE LESS EXPENSIVE FURNISHINGS THAT AREN'T GOING TO BE DESTROYED. IF YOU ARE

AGAINST THIS, YOU ARE HEARTLESS.\r\n\r\nIF YOU ARE AGAINST THIS -- WELL, IT'S OKAY TO BE AGAINST THIS, BUT IT'S AGAINST THIS -- IT'S HEARTLESS TO BE AGAINST THIS AND SPEAK AGAINST IT, BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT HAVE THE CONCERNS THAT YOU HAVE. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SAY TO THIS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING AT FUTURE MEETINGS ABOUT MORE THINGS IN LAHAINA, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT THAT THE MEMBERS NEED TO DO FOR WEST MAUI, CONSIDERING THE TAX REVENUE THAT IS BROUGHT IN THROUGH TOURISM. AS THE MAYOR POINTED OUT, THERE'S TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UNUSED UNITS THAT SHOULD BE MANAGED TO BE LONG-TERM RENTALS. THANK YOU EVERYONE. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? NO QUESTIONS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS GRETCHEN LOZANO AND WE'LL CIRCLE BACK TO TARSIS. >> ALOHA, COUNCIL. MY NAME IS GRETCHEN LOZANO AND I HAD A WHOLE -- I HAD A WHOLE SPEECH PREPARED, BUT AFTER LISTENING TO THE PRESENTATION, I JUST WANT TO REALLY MAHALO, YOU MAYOR. THIS IS AN AMAZING DEAL FOR ANYBODY. CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING AGAINST THIS? LIKE, THE TAX-EXEMPTIONS FOR A WHOLE YEAR JUST TO LIKE TRY TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO HELP THEIR COMMUNITY, AND THEN IMAGINE BEING AGAINST THAT?\r\n\r\nHOW -- IN 2018 MY 'OHANA, WE LOST OUR HOME IN A FLOOD, AND THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY WAS THE WAY THAT WE GOT THROUGH THIS. THEY HELD US UP. THEY KEPT US STRONG. AND THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY FROM LOSING YOUR HOME, EVEN NOT DURING A HOUSING CRISIS IS REALLY LONG, AND REALLY HARD. I ENDED UP GETTING A DIVORCE. MY FAMILY BROKE APART. I HAD FIVE KIDS, AND YOU KNOW, NOW IT'S MYSELF AND MY TWO BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN.\r\n\r\nAND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR LAHAINA COMMUNITY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED? I DON'T KNOW WHERE MY MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL STATE WOULD BE? , BUT I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR SUCH A STRONG, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WHEN THE FIRE HAPPENED, YOU KNOW, WE WERE IN A PLACE IN OUR RECOVERY WHERE WE COULD ACTUALLY HELP, AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY COULD. SO TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST THIS, SHAME ON YOU. SHAME ON YOU FOR HAVING ASSETS IN A SMALL COMMUNITY, AND NOT WANT TO HELP. SHAME ON YOU. BECAUSE LAHAINA IS -- IT'S SUCH A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nIF YOU HAVE ASSETS THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHARE, I MEAN, WE'RE LOOKING -- WE KNOW WHO YOU GUYS ARE. WE CAN SEE YOUR NAMES, YOU'RE SELF-IDENTIFYING. PUBLIC TESTIMONY IS PUBLIC RECORD. WE KNOW YOUR NAMES; WE KNOW HOW MUCH PROPERTIES YOU OWN. WE'LL NEVER FORGET. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN IT MATTERS. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN IT MATTERS AND YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF, BEFORE YOU GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY, BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO NOT SELF-IDENTIFY AS SOMEBODY WHO IS SELFISH IN OUR COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nYOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE. SO, LIKE, ASK YOURSELF WHAT KIND OF LEGACY YOU WANT TO LEAVE TO YOUR CHILDREN, OR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN, WHO YOU ARE GOING TO LEAVE THESE PROPERTIES TO? WHO MIGHT WANT TO BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY ONE DAY? JUST ASK YOURSELF IF YOU WANT THAT LEGACY TO FOLLOW THEM? >> THREE MINUTES. >> WHAT KIND OF KUPUNA DO YOU WANT TO BE? BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE.\r\n\r\nYOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW UP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF IT. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS TARSIS, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LAURIE ROBERTS. TARSIS, SORRY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.\r\n\r\nIF YOU WOULD HANG UP AND CALL BACK IN, WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU. LAURIE ROBERTSON, FOLLOWED BY MATT JACHOWSKI. >> ALOHA. MY NAME IS LAURIE ROBERTSON AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR BILL 131. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MAYOR BISSEN AND THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RECOGNIZING THE URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS THE EXTREME HOUSING CRISIS ON MAUI, AND THE IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES AS WELL FOR OUR SURVIVORS AS WAILUKU RESIDENT AND SURVIVOR OF THE WILDFIRES I EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND SOME OF THE DEVASTATING LOSS FELT BY OUR COMMUNITY. I WAS MORPHED FOUR TIMES IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS WITH MY FIANC AND THREE DOGS AND MOST RECENTLY GIVEN FIVE-HOUR NOTICES THAT I WOULD BE RELOCATED DUE TO THE RED CROSS CONTRACT BEING UP AT THE HOTEL. I SHED THE TEARS AND FELT THE FRUSTRATION AND POWERLESSNESS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO SECURE LONG-TERM HOUSING IN WEST MAUI, ESPECIALLY WITH MY FAMILY PETS MAKING IT A NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY. I BELIEVE BILL 131 IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS.\r\n\r\nBY INCENTIVIZING SHORT-TERM VACATION

RENTALS WHO MAY BE ON THE FENCE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. IT WILL HELP ENSURE THAT MORE HOUSING UNITS ARE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST SO MUCH ALREADY. I URGE OWNERS OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS, SECOND HOMES, AND OTHER NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES TO PRIORITIZE THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY OVER PROFIT. THIS CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE TRUE ALOHA, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE REBUILDING EFFORTS AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. YES, WE ARE RESILIENT AND ALSO YES, WE NEED HELP DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME. THESE -- PLEASE PASS THIS CRUCIAL LEGISLATING FOR THE LONG-TERM WELL-BEING AND PROSPERITY OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THAT YOU WILLING FOR YOUR TIME.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NO QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS MATT JACHOWSKI, FOLLOWED BY SHANNON EE. >> GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. MY NAME IS MATT JACHOWSKI. SOME OF YOU KNOW I CREATED THE WEBSITE MAUI HALE MATCH SPECIFICALLY TO HELP DISPLACED FAMILIES CONNECT WITH LANDLORDS IN THE WAKE OF THE FIRE.\r\n\r\nSINCE I LAUNCHED NEARLY 1,000 FAMILIES HAVE SIGNED UP LOOKING FOR HOUSING ON MY SITE, BUT LESS THAN A HUNDRED LANDLORDS HAVE SIGNED UP. ALMOST LANDLORDS ARE LOCAL WITH 'OHANA AND SPARE ROOMS AND PREEXISTING LONG-TERM RENTALS. THERE HAVE BEEN ALMOST NO SHORT-TERM RENTAL OR SECOND HOMEOWNERS WHO OFFERED THEIR HOMES THROUGH THE SITE I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOME OF THE STATISTICS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF FOR EXAMPLE. 3600 FAMILIES RECEIVED AN INITIAL TWO MONTHS' OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE FROM FEMA, BUT WE HAVE 23500 FAMILIES IN HOTELS. 128 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN PLACED INTO LONG-TERM RENTALS BY FOR EXAMPLE'S LONG-TERM LEASE PROGRAM. 113 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE FOUND THEIR OWN LEASES AND APPLIED TO FEMA TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE LEASES. BASICALLY, THE TWO SOLUTIONS THAT ARE MOST WELL-FUNDED TO GET LAHAINA LOCALS BACK INTO LONG-TERM RENTALS ARE NOT BEING SUCCESSFUL, AND THE MAIN ISSUE HERE IS SUPPLY.\r\n\r\nWE CERTAINLY HAVE HAD SOME SECOND HOME AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS STEP UP TO HELP, BUT NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH. ASKING NICELY HAS NOT WORKED AND HOPING THAT PEOPLE DO THE RIGHT THING HAS NOT WORKED. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING GIVEN THAT OVER 83% OF THESE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE MAILING ADDRESSES ON THE MAINLAND. SO AS A COUNTY RAISING OR LOWERING PROPERTY TAX RATES IS ONE OF YOUR MOST POWERFUL LEVERS THAT YOU CAN PULL TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. SO I HEARTILY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL. I ALSO WANT TO ECHO SOME OF THE COMMENTS MADE EARLIER BY MR. TERUYA ABOUT THE TIME-SENSITIVITY OF THIS.\r\n\r\nONE OF OUR IMPORTANT TIME LIMITS IS FEMA HOUSING ASSISTANCE EXPIRED 18 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRE, WHICH IS FEBRUARY OF 2025 AND IF WE DON'T HAVE ACTION THAT ENCOURAGE THESE OWNERS TO STEP UP AND START ENTERING THEIR UNITS INTO THE RENTAL POOL BEFORE FEBRUARY 2025, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE EVEN A FULL-YEAR'S WORTH OF FEMA ASSISTANCE TO HOUSE THESE FOLKS AND IT WILL BECOME MUCH, MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. >> THANK YOU. WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MR. JACHOWSKI.\r\n\r\nI WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS THE DATE THAT YOUR DATA WAS CURRENT FROM ON THE 113 CONTINUED RENTAL ASSISTANCE? >> THOSE WERE THE NUMBERS REPORTED BY FEMA ON DECEMBER 1ST LAST FRIDAY. >> THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS? NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS SHANNON EE, FOLLOWED BY JULIAN EE. >> ALOHA MAYOR BISSEN, COUNCIL CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS SHANNON EE, DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE AUGUST WILDFIRES SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF BILL 131. REQUESTING A SENSE OF URGENCY IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LAHAINA AND KULA FIRES. THINGS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROPOSED YESTERDAY ARE A FEW MONTHS TOO LATE. BUT YET, HERE WE ARE. I PLEASE URGE THE ADMINISTRATION, MAHALO, MAYOR, FOR BEING HERE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION TO WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY. YOU KNOW THAT WORD THAT IS USED FAR TOO OFTEN, YET WE'RE STILL HERE, LIVING IN HOTELS, BEING SHUFFLED FROM ONE TO ANOTHER WITH HOURS' NOTICE IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS EXHAUSTING, DEFEATING AND DOWNRIGHT INHUMANE THE WAY WE'RE BEING TREATED.\r\n\r\nTHE RIGHT DOESN'T FLOW WHAT THE LEFT IS DOING AND COMMUNICATION ESPECIALLY WITH ALL OF THE MEETINGS BEING THIS IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT BETWEEN AGENCIES. THIS PROPOSED BILL WOULD REIGNITE HOPE IN OUR PEOPLE THAT WE'RE

BEING LISTENED TO AND CARED FOR AND NO LONGER PUT AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS TO VISITORS THAT WE SERVE WHO COME HERE AND FROLIC IN OUR HOMES THAT HAS BEING COMPLETELY DESTROYED. THERE'S SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS THAT RESPECT AND LOVE OUR COMMUNITY. I KNOW THAT FOR A FACT, BECAUSE I HAVE A DEAR FRIEND THAT HAS HOUSED MY 'OHANA AND OTHER MAUI FAMILIES WHILE SHE WAS IN ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT A POPULAR OPINION BY OTHERS WHO OWN SHORT-TERM RENTALS I WILL SAY BOOHOO, TOO BAD, CRY ME A RIVER. WHY DON'T WE PUT OUR MAUI COMMUNITY FIRST FOR CENTURIES THAT KANAKA AND OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN PUSHED ASIDE AND FALLEN ON DEAF EARS AND SAID WHATEVER THEY WANT TO GET WE'RE HERE IS TO SAY IT'S TIME TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM AND PUT US FIRST. I COULD CARE LESS WHAT THEY WANT HONESTLY.\r\n\r\nWE HAVE BEEN SERVING TOURISTS FAR TOO LONG ON GOLD PLATTERS AND TRAMPLE ON OUR PEOPLE LIKE WE'RE NOTHING. WE'RE NOT THE HOST CULTURE, WE'RE THE CULTURE. NEED BEFORE GREED, PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT. THE OFFER IS ON THE TABLE WITH ALL THESE INCENTIVES, BUT WHAT ABOUT US? WHY DO WE HAVE TO OFFER THEM TO HELP US? WE HAVE BEEN FORCED FROM OUR HOMES FOR GENERATIONS ON THE WAIT-LIST, FIGHTING FOR WATER, LAND AND ALL THINGS AND WHEN IN REALITY, THIS IS OUR PLACE IN STATE USPS AND WE'RE THE STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND THEY SHOULD BE SERVING US AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. WE'RE ALWAYS MAKING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE THAT COME TO OUR 'AINA AND TIME TO OFFER A SPACE IN OUR COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nI'M TIRED OF BEING THE MINORITY. TIME TO TELL THESE STRS OWNERS, NOT ASK THEM, IF YOU BUY INTO A COMMUNITY YOU HAVE KULEANA TO IT. WITH THE HOLIDAYS HERE, AND TOURISTS IN MASSES, HERE AND MORE TO COME, IT'S THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE DEMORALIZING SITUATIONS THAT HAS BEEN MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY AND FOR ME THE LACK OF SECURITY. I DON'T HAVE A SAFE SPACE TO LAY MY HEAD WORRYING ABOUT WHEN I WILL HAVE TO MOVE AND THE NOT KNOWING IS LITERALLY EATING ME ALIVE. MY 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER HAS TOLD ME MANY TIMES THAT SHE IS TIRED LIVING LIKE THIS AND SHE JUST WANTED TO GO HOME. I FEEL HELPFUL AND HOPE THAT THIS BILL WILL RELIEVE THE FAMILIES OF THE BURDEN AND HOW WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS? MEMBER PALTIN? >> CHAIR, THANK YOU, MS. EE. WHEN YOU SAID THAT THE 29TH, THE RED CROSS TOLD US TO -- THEY WOULD LIKE TO GIVE PEOPLE TWO WEEKS. WAS THAT THE 30TH AND HOW MUCH TIME BEFORE YOU WERE TOLD TO LEAVE? >> THE 29TH AND 30TH, NOT ME PERSONALLY, BUT I HAVE BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY AT THE WESTIN AND HONOKAI THAT DAY HELPING 'OHANA AND TELL YOU PERSONALLY WHAT THEIR NAMES ARE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SHARE THAT BECAUSE IT'S PROBABLY PERSONAL FOR THEM.\r\n\r\nBUT SOME OF THEM WERE, YOU KNOW, KNOWN AT 8:00 IN THE MORNING AND THEY HAD TO LEAVE AT 4:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. THAT IS DEFINITELY NOT WHAT IS HAPPENING WHEN THEY SAY TWO WEEKS NOTICE. THE HIGHER UPS FROM RED CROSS HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED YET AND I THINK THAT IS THE PROBLEM, THE COMMUNICATION ON THAT, YOU KNOW, FIGURING THINGS OUT AND LETTING PEOPLE KNOW. >> WHEN THEY TOLD YOUR 'OHANA THEY HAD TO LEAVE THAT DAY, DID THEY SAY WHERE THEY GOING TO? >> UNFORTUNATELY NOT. THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING YET, BUT THEY HAVE TO EITHER LEAVE THAT HOTEL AND BE MOVED TO ANOTHER HOTEL OR MOVING ROOMS. >> AND WERE SOME OF THEM MOVED?\r\n\r\n>> YES, UNFORTUNATELY, I KNOW TWO PERSONALLY THAT WERE MOVED TO THE SEASIDE HOTEL. >> THANK YOU >> >> OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JULIAN EE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY TARSIS. JULIAN EE, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS JULIAN EE AND THIS IS MY SON KANEKOA.\r\n\r\nUNFORTUNATELY I HAD TO BRING HIM TO THIS MEETING AS I CHOOSE NOT TO SEND MY KEIKI BACK TO CAMPUS IN LAHAINA, BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S NOT SAFE. SO I HAD TO MAKE THE PROPER ACCOMMODATIONS TO SHOW UP TO THESE MEETINGS. I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT. I DIDN'T PLAN ON DOING A TESTIMONY, BUT I FEEL THAT MY HEART I NEED TO JUST SPEAKS WHAT IN MY HEART. MAHALO, COUNCIL, MAHALO TAMARA FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT LAHAINA AND ALL OUR KEIKI AND 'OHANA. I JUST WANT TO SAY LIKE HOW CRUCIAL IS HOUSING -- THIS HOUSING BILL IS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW, BUT MY HOUSE WASN'T BURNED DOWN, BUT WE DID GET NOTICE FROM FEMA THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO EVACUATE PHASE 2 MINIMUM A YEAR OR TWO.\r\n\r\nSO I HOPE THAT IN YOUR GUYS NUMBERS OF HOUSING ALSO INCLUDES THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO MOVE PHASE 2, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW I WILL

NOT BE LIVING IN A HOTEL WITH MY FIVE KEIKI AND MOVING EVERY OTHER DAY. I WILL NOT DO THAT AND I WOULD RATHER LEAVE AT THE BEACH HONESTLY TO NOT DEAL WITH ALL OF THIS CRAP WITH FEMA AND RED CROSS. I PERSONALLY CAME IN TO HELPING ALL OF THESE 'OHANA MOVE AND FINDING THEM PLACES TO GO, EVEN IF IT WAS AT MY HOUSE FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, YOU KNOW? OUR HOME IS STILL OPEN TO EVERYBODY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT CAN'T BE A FULL-TIME STAY AS WE HAVE TO -- WE HAVE TO EVACUATE, YOU KNOW? SO I HOPE THERE'S ALSO A PLAN FOR US AT THE SAME TIME. THIS BILL IS VERY CRUCIAL AND IT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED YESTERDAY. SO I JUST WANT TO MAHALO EVERYBODY FOR CONTINUING TO PUSH THIS AND BRINGING THIS SUBJECT UP, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT.\r\n\r\nAND ALSO IMPORTANT FOR OUR WELL-BEING, OUR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING AND OUR MENTAL WELL-BEING. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY MAHALO, AND I'M KIND OF GETTING SICK OF HEARING MY VOICE, AND I REALLY HOPE THERE'S CHANGE, LIKE, SOON, YOU KNOW? ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN LAHAINA, ALL WE WANT TO SEE IS ACTION, AND NOT JUST WORDS, BECAUSE THAT IS ALL WE HAVE BEEN SEEING LATELY AND HEARING. THERE'S NO ACTIONS. AND WE JUST WANT TO WIN, YOU KNOW? WE JUST WANT A WIN, NOT JUST FOR LAHAINA, BUT ALSO FOR KULA. YES, MAHALO.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> EXCUSE ME, WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. CLARIFYING QUESTION, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT YOU MEAN ABOUT YOUR HOUSE WAS NOT DAMAGED, BUT YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO MOVE PHASE 2? >> SO I LIVE IN HAWAIIAN HOMES IN LAHAINA. SO FOR ME, SO THIS IPAD RIGHT HERE, THAT SIDE BURNED. SO WE WERE TOLD WE GOT A KNOCK ON OUR DOOR FROM FEMA TELLING US PHASE 2 WE NEEDED TO BE PREPARED TO LEAVE, YOU KNOW? AND THEY SAID IT'S A MINIMUM A YEAR.\r\n\r\nSO WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY PAPERWORK, BUT THEY ARE COMING BACK TO OUR HOME EVERY SO OFTEN AND SHOWING US THE NUMBERS OF THIS IS HOW MUCH YOU CAN GET UNTIL 2025. YOU KNOW? SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE, FRUSTRATING, YOU KNOW? BECAUSE IT'S LIKE WE'RE ALREADY SETTING IN OUR MIND THAT WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT ANY MOMENT, BUT I DON'T KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IT FEELS. I AM NOT GOING REPLACE MY 'OHANA IN A HOTEL WHEN I HAVE MY OWN HOME AND I'M NOT GOING TO PAY SOMEONE'S RENT, SOMEONE ELSE'S MORTGAGE WHO IS HERE ONCE A YEAR. I HAVE PLAN A, B, C, BUY A HOME IN THE MAINLAND, LIVE THERE A FEW YEARS AND COME BACK HOME. WHO WANTS TO DO THAT? I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE AND MY KEIKI WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE AND WHY DO WE HAVE TO LEAVE?\r\n\r\nBUT THERE HAS TO BE A LOT OF CHANGE AND JUST MOVING FORWARD ALL THESE SHORT-TERM RENTALS SHOULD NOT BE IN LAHAINA, PERIOD, PERIOD. SO THIS NEEDS TO BE A CONTINUED EFFORT, EVEN AFTER THE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A CONTINUED EFFORT. IT CAN NEVER BE PUT ON THE BACK BURNER AGAIN. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. >> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TARSIS, FOLLOWED BY BETTY KAY ANDERSON. >> TARSIS, WE FEEL LIKE WE KNOW YOU ALREADY. [LAUGHTER] [LAUGHTER]. >> MY STAFF DID A TEST RUN. >> NEXT PERSON. >> NEXT PERSON IS BETTY K. ANDERSON, FOLLOWED BY MAXIME GOLD SMITH. >> IS SHE HERE? >> BETTY K. ANDERSON, I HAVE HER LISTED AS IN CHAMBERS.\r\n\r\nWE'LL GO TO MAXIME GOLDSMITH, FOLLOWED BY TEATI LAWRENCE. WE'LL GO TO TEATI LAWRENCE. >> IT'S SO EASY TO TESTIFY ONLINE, BUT I FELT THIS MATTER WAS IMPORTANT AND THAT I NEEDED TO COME IN-PERSON. I WANT TO MAHALO THE MAYOR FOR ANSWERING THE KIHEI AND MAUI RAPID RESPONSE, COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, DISASTER RESPONSE AND ALOHA FOR OUR LAHAINA COMMUNITY IN HELPING THEM GET HOUSING AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO MAHALO LAHAINA STRONG, FOR THEIR ADVOCACY, LEADING WITH HUMILITY AND BEING SOLUTION-DRIVEN. I WASN'T GOING TO COME TODAY, BECAUSE I HAD KULEANA AT WORK. BUT AFTER READING THE TESTIMONIES LAST NIGHT, I FELT DISGUSTED, FRUSTRATED AND IRRITATED AND FELT THE NEED TO COME HERE TODAY. YOU KNOW, I STAND FIRM IN THE BELIEF THAT NO SHORT-TERM RENTALS SHOULD BE ENTITLED OR GRANDFATHERED IN.\r\n\r\nI SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN'S AMENDMENT TO PROTECT CURRENT RENTERS BY EVICTION BY HOMEOWNERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FULL TAX EXEMPTION AND I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE INVENTORY LONG-TERM. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAUI COUNTY PROVIDE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMEOWNERS TO CONVERT EXISTING UNUSED DWELLINGS TO LONG-TERM HOUSING. FOR MYSELF I HAVE A GARAGE THAT I

COULD CONVERT INTO A STUDIO RENTAL FOR LONG-TERM HOUSING AND I HAVE COUSINS THAT RELOCATED IN THE UP COUNTRY AREA THAT WOULD LOVE TO LIVE IN MY GARAGE BECAUSE THEY ARE THAT DESPERATE. BUT IF IT MEANS THAT THEY HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE WITH OUR 'OHANA, I SAY LET'S DO IT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, OR ALLOW THE MAUI COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AN IN-STOCK INVENTORY OF APPROVED ADU HOME PLANS. THAT WILL HELP EXPEDITE THE PERMITS FOR ADU. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE DOH RULE THAT REQUIRES UP COUNTRY RESIDENTS TO CONVERT CESSPOOL TO SEPTIC IF THAT HOMEOWNER IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING LONG-TERM HOUSING FOR FIRE VICTIMS.\r\n\r\nI THINK IT'S AN EASY WAY TO EXPEDITE BUILDING UP COUNTRY IF IT MEANS HELPING THESE FIRE VICTIMS. I ASK THE COUNCIL TO PASS THIS BILL AND RESPECTFULLY ASK THE MAYOR TO USE HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO DECLARE AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE IMMUNE TARIO LIST. IT SHOULD HAVE NEVER HAPPENED AND I REMEMBER AS A KID, WITH CONDO APARTMENT BUILDINGS THAT WERE USED FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING. THAT IS WHERE THE WORK CLASS FAMILIES LIVED AND OVER TIME JUST TO SEE IT CONVERT TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS HAVE BEEN SO TROUBLING, AND DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES. WE NEED BOLD MEASURES AND I BELIEVE IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING. I HAVE COME IN FRONT OF THIS COUNCIL MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS AGAINST SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS AND WE ALWAYS WARNED OF THIS HAPPENING. HOUSING IS A SERIOUS CRISIS AND WE LEAN ON YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND TO THOSE VACATION RENTAL OWNERS, ALOHA GOES BOTH WAYS.\r\n\r\nTHERE'S A QUOTE -- ALOHA GOES BOTH WAY, BUT ALOHA ALSO MEANS GOODBYE AND IF YOU CANNOT MALAMA OUR PEOPLE, HUI HO. >> ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, NEXT TESTIFIER. >> LISA JONES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY EVE HOGAN. >> GOOD MORNING. >> GOOD MORNING. >> I'M AMONG THE LAHAINA RESIDENTS THAT WERE GIVEN NO CHOICE TO LEAVE THE WESTIN INN AND TO KAHULUI BEING THERE WAS NO HOUSING IN WEST MAUI.\r\n\r\nI WAS MADE TO LOVE MY COMMUNITY OF 25 YEARS, MY SUPPORT SYSTEM, AS WELL AS MY VOLUNTEER JOB IN THE BURN ZONE. MY ONLY HOPE TO GET BACK TO THE WEST SIDE WILL BE IF THE LONG-TERM HOUSING BECOMES AVAILABLE. I URGE YOU TO PASS BILL 131, SO THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY CAN STAY TOGETHER AND HELP REBUILD OUR TOWN. IF THE MEMBERS OF LAHAINA ARE FORCED TO ALL GO IN SEPARATE DIRECTIONS, LAHAINA TOWN WILL TRULY BE LOST. PLEASE DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS EVE HOGAN, FOLLOWED BY CLINT. >> ALOHA, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING US HERE, AND THANK YOU, MAYOR, FOR THIS BILL. I THINK I FEEL MORE LIKE TALKING TO ALL OF YOU THAN EVEN THE COUNCIL, BECAUSE I WAS TOLD IN THE ELEVATOR THIS MORNING, I MUST BE HERE BECAUSE I MUST BE TALKING ABOUT MONEY. I HAVE BEEN TOLD TO BE SHAMED, AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD ALL THESE THINGS HOW HORRIBLE ARE IF WE OWN A VACATION RENTAL.\r\n\r\nI WANT TO LET YOU SEE A DIFFERENT PICTURE. MY HUSBAND AND I BOTH LIVED HERE 30 AND 40 YEARS PLUS. I HAVE BEEN A TEACHER THIS IN COMMUNITY, I RUN A NONPROFIT IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE HAVE RUN BUSINESSES IN THIS COMMUNITY, THAT GOT SHUT DOWN DURING COVID AND WE BOUGHT A PROPERTY NEXT DOOR TO US THAT WAS A DRUG DEALING PLACE, LOTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HEROIN WAS BEING SMUGGLED IN, AND OUR KIDS IN THEIR NURSERY. WE BOUGHT IT, CLEANED IT UP, REPAIRED AND WE RESTORED THE AGRICULTURE AND WE HAVE BOTH LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS ON IT. SINCE THE FIRE, WE HAVE OFFERED HOMES TO FIRE VICTIMS AND THEY HAVE TURNED US DOWN BECAUSE WE'RE TOO FAR WAY UP COUNTRY AND ONE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THIS BILL IS NOT THE SAME PENALIZING VACATION RENTALS IN HANA, YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE AND WE WANT YOU TO HAVE TO, BUT WE'RE NOT HEARTLESS. WE TOOK IN A FAMILY OF FOUR THAT IS LIVING IN OUR HOME RIGHT NOW FOR FREE.\r\n\r\nWE BOUGHT THEM A CAR AND TAKING CARE OF THEM. WE TOOK IN A MOTHER OF A FIREFIGHTER, A MAUI FIREFIGHTER, WHO WAS GOING TO LEAVE THE ISLAND BECAUSE SHE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE HERE AND HER SON WAS TRAUMATIZED BY THE FIRE AND SO WAS SHE. SO WE TOOK HER IN AND HOUSING FOR FREE AND BOUGHT HER A CAR AS WELL. WE'RE NOT HEARTLESS. THERE'S ANOTHER PICTURE TO THIS. NOW THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE AND THERE'S A LOT OF PIM WHO ARE RICH THAT MAY BE ABLE TO AFFORD THIS LOSS. BUT WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS MAYOR AND COUNCIL YES, OFFER A VOLUNTARY OPTION.\r\n\r\nTHEY'RE BEAUTIFUL, REALLY WELL-DONE.

A PROBLEM IS THAT THEY HAVE TO DO IT BY JANUARY 1ST AND THAT IS THREE WEEKS FROM NOW. I HAVE SIX MONTHS OF AGREEMENTS AND MY INTEGRITY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING HEIFER AND THEY ARE NOT ALL TOURISTS. WE HAVE PEOPLE BECAUSE WE HAVE A LARGER HOUSE THAT THEY ARE FAMILIES, WE HOUSE PEOPLE COMING HERE FOR FUNERALS. WE HOUSE PEOPLE COMING HERE TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE FOR THEM TO STAY. WE ARE NOT JUST A TOURISM BUSINESS. THERE'S SO MUCH MORE.\r\n\r\nPEOPLE COMING FOR WEDDINGS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, WHO WANT THEIR FAMILY WITH THEM FOR FUNERALS FOR FAMILY REUNIONS. THERE'S SO MUCH MORE AND HAVING TO CANCEL SIX MONTHS OF OUR INTEGRITY AND AGREEMENT WILL NOT ONLY HURT US, IT WILL NOT ONLY HURT THEM. BUT IT WILL ALSO HURT ALL OF MAUI, UP COUNTRY DEPENDS ON TOURISM. I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT, BUT IT'S TRUE. WE GOT SHUT DOWN WITH COVID. WE GOT SHUT DOWN WITH THE KNEE-JERK REACTION AFTER THE FIRES. WE HAD MAJOR PROBLEMS DURING THE TERM SHUTTING DOWN AND KILLED ALL THE MOM AND POP RESTAURANTS AND ALL THE MOM -AND-POP SHOPS.\r\n\r\nMY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOU, WE KNOW HOW MUCH YOU, THE MAYOR AND HOW MUCH WE GIVE AND HOW MUCH WE LOVE YOU. BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE ON OF OUR VACATION RENTALS. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CLINT FOLLOWED BY KOLIO LEWIS. >> MAHALO FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR PUTTING FORWARD THIS BILL.\r\n\r\nIT'S A PHENOMENAL BILL THAT OFFERS FANTASTIC INCENTIVES. I DO SEE SOME LACK OF CLARITY HOW TO ENFORCE, AND APPLY THE BILL. I DO HOPE TO SEE MORE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS, AND OUTREACH TO PEOPLE WHO OWN SECOND HOMES, VACATION RENTALS AND GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY IS GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL TO HOUSING MAUI'S PEOPLE. MAUI IS MADE UP OF ITS PEOPLE AND UNLESS WE TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE, IT WILL FALL APART AND FAIL. SO I TRULY APPRECIATE THIS BILL, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO BISSEN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR MAUI'S PEOPLE TO HAVE HOUSING, AS WELL AS ONE OVERSIGHT I WANTED TO POINT OUT, THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HOTELS TO CONTRIBUTE AS WELL. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THIS PROGRAM AND THEY NEED ALSO TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE INCREASES AND DECREASES IN TAXES. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES.\r\n\r\nTHESE HOTELS PULL A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND DO NOT REINVESTS IN THE COMMUNITY THE SAME WAY THAT THESE CONDOS DO. THESE CONDOS ARE OFTEN OWNED BY PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MAUI. THESE CONDOS REINVEST IN MAUI. THEY ARE NOT OWNBY FOREIGN CORPORATIONS, AND MAINLAND COMPANIES THESE CONDOS USUALLY REINVEST IN MAUI. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, AND I APPRECIATE MY OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. ALOHA. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS? MEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MR. HANSEN FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. CAN YOU CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE IN CONTRIBUTIONS BY FOREIGN-OWNED CONDOS, AND FOREIGN-OWNED HOTELS. >> THE DIFFERENCE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THE MAJORITY OF EXCESS PROFITS ARE PUT IN AND PAID OUT AS DIVIDENDS TO PEOPLE WHO OWN INTO THOSE CORPORATIONS.\r\n\r\nTHE LOCAL CONDOMINIUMS WORK MORE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS WITH INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE ON MAUI. SO WHEN THEY REINVEST, THEY ARE REINVESTING DIRECT WITH MAUI'S PEOPLE, WHY SERVICE ORIENTED OR COMING AND STAYING IN MAUI SPECIFICALLY. MANY OF THESE FUNDS GET PUT INTO LOCAL BANK ACCOUNTS THAT ARE HELD LOCALLY THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY NOT ONLY ON AN INTEREST BASIS, BUT ALSO ON AN REINVESTMENT BASIC AND TAX BASIS AND GET SPENT IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN THESE OWNERS ARE OFTEN RETURNING TO USE THEIR OWN UNIT. AND I'M NOT REFERRING TO PEOPLE WHO OWN 10, 20 UNITS, BECAUSE THAT IS A VERY, VERY, VERY SMALL MINORITY. [INAUDIBLE] >> I'M HERE NOW. WHERE DID I CUT OFF? >> HE WAS JUST ASKING IF YOU HAD ANY DATA TO REFLECT YOUR POINT OF VIEW?\r\n\r\n>> OH, OKAY. I WAS REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT WHEN THE MAJOR CORPORATIONS REINVEST THEY DON'T REINVEST INTO THE COMMUNITY THE SAME WAY THAT OWNERS DO. OWNERS COME BACK, THEY STAY IN THEIR UNIT, THEY SPEND THAT MONEY HERE. THE MONEY DOESN'T OFTEN GO TO MAINLAND ACCOUNTS. IT STAYS IN BANK OF HAWAII ACCOUNTS, FIRST HAWAIIAN ACCOUNTS BEFORE EVEN BEING DISTRIBUTED OR SPENT BACK ON-ISLAND, ESPECIALLY HAPPENS WITH

FOREIGN -- >> YES, I WAS ASKING FOR THE DATA. >> I GOTCHA. [INAUDIBLE] PEOPLE I KNOW THROUGH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND CONSTANTLY REFERRING LOCAL PEOPLE, AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.\r\n\r\nIF YOU ARE ASKING FOR A CITED RESOURCE, I WOULD URGE YOU TO PUT THOSE STUDIES FORWARD TO SEE HOW THE FUNDS ARE SPENT? BUT OFTEN TIMES I IMAGINE CORPORATIONS DON'T WANT YOU TO PUT THOSE RESEARCH FUNDING FORWARD. >> SO ANECDOTAL IS WHAT YOU SAYING? >> NO, EXPERIENTIAL. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS? >> CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IS THIS CLINT HANSEN OF MAUI LUXURY REAL ESTATE YES, CORRECT. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, OUR NEXT TESTIFIER. >> I WOULD LIKE TO START BY COMMENDING THE COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE MAYOR ON WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION. I'M HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 131, WHICH WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK FOR SOME AMENDMENTS TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL TO BE MADE. BUT BEFORE PROVIDING CONTEXT ON THE AMENDMENT, YOU KNOW, I WANTED TO SHARE THROUGH DATA THAT CNHA HAS ACCESS THROUGH OUR RESOURCE CENTER, AS WELL AS COLLABORATION WITH FEMA AND RED CROSS. WE BELIEVE THAT NEARLY A THOUSAND RESIDENTS OF MAUI HAVE ALREADY MOVED AWAY FROM THE ISLAND, SEEKING REFUGE IN OTHER COUNTIES, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE OF HAWAII AS A WHOLE. FOR CONTEXT TO OUR REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO THE BILL, CNHA HAS BEEN LEASING OUT PROPERTIES ACROSS MAUI AND WE HAVE BEEN PUTTING FAMILIES IN THOSE HOMES. AND WE WORK WITH RED CROSS TO IDENTIFY WHICH FAMILIES MATCH WITH THOSE THAT WE HAVE LEASED.\r\n\r\n\r\nAND WE'RE COVERING PORTIONS OF THE RENT, UTILIZING FEMA DOLLARS, BUT ALSO OUR OWN DOLLARS AND MONEYS THAT WE HAVE RAISED TO CLOSE THE GAP, SO IT'S MORE AFFORDABLE. THESE ARE SHORT-TERM RENTALS, THESE ARE LONG-TERM RENTALS. THE CHALLENGE WITH THE BILL IS THAT THE CURRENT LANGUAGE WOULDN'T ALLOW THE LANDLORDS THAT WE'RE LEASING FROM TO ACCESS THE SAME INCENTIVE WE BELIEVE BECAUSE IT HAS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT SAYS A NATURAL PERSON. SO WE'RE ASKING FOR SOME AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW THE HOMEOWNERS OF THESE SHORT-TERM RENTALS THAT WE HAVE WORKED ARRANGEMENTS WITH TO HAVE BENEFIT THAT IS BEING OFFERED BY THE COUNCIL. CNHA IS ALREADY HOUSING 500 INDIVIDUALS DISPLACED BY THE FIRE WITH THE HOST FAMILY PROGRAM THAT WE OFFER. SO THIS PHASE OF LEASING ON BEHALF OF OFTEN TIMES ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT THESE SHORT-TERM RENTALS OWNERS HAVE AND THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PROPERTY DAMAGE AND ABOUT GETTING ASSISTANCE WITH SECURING THEIR FUTURE BOOKINGS AND THOSE SERVICES THAT CNHA IS PROVIDING. SO THE AMENDED LANGUAGE IS INCLUDED IN THE TESTIMONY THAT WE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHAT IS ALL. MAHALO. >> QUESTIONS? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MR. LEWIS.\r\n\r\n\r\nI INCLUDE THAT AMENDMENT IN MY ASF. I WAS WONDERING DID YOUR POLICY PERSON WHO WROTE THIS ALSO THINK IT WOULD AFFECT THE DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM FROM FEMA AS WELL? >> YES, ABSOLUTELY. SO ESSENTIALLY WHAT CNHA IS PROVIDING A DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM. SO THIS WOULDN'T ONLY AFFECT CNHA'S PROGRAM, BUT AFFECT FEMA'S PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY ARE THE LEASE HASI ON BEHALF OF THE SURVIVOR AS WELL. >> IF CNHA WANTED TO CREATE ONE THAT HAS BEEN COLLECTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON OUR BEHALF? >> ANYONE WHO WANTS TO DO A DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE SURVIVOR, I DON'T THINK THAT THE OWNER WOULD QUALIFY FOR THIS UNDER THE CURRENT LANGUAGE.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. X MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO, MR. LEWIS FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I MAY HAVE MISSED CAN IT IS WHAT IS THE PROGRAM CALLED? >> THE KOKUA O MAUI HOUSING PROGRAM.\r\n\r\n\r\nWE'RE LAUNCHING THE WEBSITE AND MATT, WHO TESTIFIED EARLIER, THE PUBLIC MEDIA CAN SEE TRENDS OCCURRING WHEN PEOPLE ARE MOVING OUT OF HOTELS INTO LONGER-TERM RESIDENCES, BUT IT'S ALSO THE APPLICATION PORTAL FOR PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM. >> SO ANYONE SEEKING HOUSING, OR LOOKING TO RENT OUT THEIR HOME CAN GO TO THIS WEBSITE. >> KOKUAMAUI.COM. >> MAHALO, MR. LEWIS. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\n\r\nWELCOME, MR. LEWIS. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE KIND OF AT A DISADVANTAGE MOST OF THE TIME WITH THE COUNCIL IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO FEMA ON A REGULAR BASIS, OR RED CROSS, OR EVEN YOUR ORGANIZATION. SO YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU HAVE A PROGRAM THAT THE HOST PROGRAM

THAT HANDLES ABOUT -- OR ASSISTS 500 PEOPLE. SO YOU KNOW, 500 PEOPLE AND YOU MENTIONED THAT ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE LEFT MAUI. >> ACTUALLY, IT'S ACTUAL A THOUSAND FAMILIES HAVE LEFT.\r\n\r\nSO THAT NUMBER IS HIGHER, WE BELIEVE. THAT DATA COMES FROM CONVERSATION, AND DATA COLLABORATION WITH FEMA. >> OKAY. SINCE YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF DATA, HOW MANY PEOPLE IN TOTAL DO WE NEED TO ASSIST? >> MATT, ARE YOU STILL ON THE PHONE? ARE YOU STILL ON THE CALL? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> SO WE HAVE HIRED MATT. YOU KNOW RUNS OUR DATA CENTER, WHICH WE CREATED. AND HE CAN TELL -- IT'S LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND AT THIS POINT. HE CAN SHARE, BECAUSE HE HAS A LOT OF SPECIFIC DATA. MATT, DO YOU WANT TO SHARE HOW MANY FAMILIES NEED ASSISTANCE? >> YES, THERE'S OVER 2500 PEOPLE IN HOTELS, THE VAST MAJORITY QUALIFY FOR FEMA RENTAL ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE AT LEAST LIKE AROUND 200 FAMILIES THAT ARE NON-FEMA ELIGIBLE IN THE HOTELS, UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS AND THERE'S CERTAINLY MANY MORE FAMILIES IN OTHER CATEGORIES THAT HAVE FOUND THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS MOSTLY SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\n>> EXCUSE ME, MATT? >> YES. >> SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 4,000 FAMILIES. 2500 IN HOTELS, 1,000 THAT LEFT MAUI, 500 IN THE HOST PROGRAM AND TALKING ABOUT 4,000 FAMILIES? >> I THINK IT COULD BE AROUND THAT NUMBER. FEMA AT THE PEAK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRES, THEY WERE HOUSING 4,000 FAMILIES IN HOTELS. THAT WAS THE PEAK OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY.\r\n\r\n>> WELL,, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN GETTING NUMBERS LIKE 6,500, AND SO >> I CAN JUST TELL YOU WHAT FEMA TELLS US. >> THE NUMBER KEEPS MOVING. MEMBER PALTIN. >> I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD REQUEST MR. JACHOWSKI AS A RESOURCE? >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT? >> NO OBJECTIONS, HIS BOSS IS HERE, CAN WE ASK HIM ABOUT THAT IS OKAY?\r\n\r\n>> OUR GOAL IS TO ACTUALLY GET THIS DATA LIVE, BECAUSE WE HAVE SHARE AGREEMENTS WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PROVIDERS. WE ALSO HAVE OUR RESOURCE CENTER. SO TO MAKE THIS DASHBOARD AVAILABLE, I THINK WOULD ADDRESS SOME OF THE QUESTIONS. WE WOULDN'T PUT INDIVIDUAL DATA. IT WOULD BE AGGREGATE, BUT AT LEAST HELP YOU PAINT THE PICTURE. THAT IS OUR GOAL TO GET DATA AVAILABLE TO DECISION POLICYMAKERS. >> WE WOULD LOVE THAT.\r\n\r\n>> IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, MR. LEWIS, COULD YOU STAY FOR OUR DISCUSSION ALONG WITH MATT? >> SURE. >> OKAY. >> CHAIR, CAN I CLARIFY SOMETHING? >> YES. , MAYOR.\r\n\r\n>> JUST TO CLARIFY, SOMETIMES WHEN FEMA TALKS, THEY TALK ABOUT INDIVIDUALS. SO THERE ARE OVER 8,000 PEOPLE IN THE HOTELS AT ITS PEAK. WHEN RED CROSS TALKS, THEY TALK USUALLY IN TERMS OF FAMILIES. SO YOU HAVE TO BE SPECIFIC, IF YOU ARE ASKING HOW MANY? YOU SHOULD ASK HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS? OR HOW MANY FAMILIES? SO RIGHT NOW, IN THE HOTELS THERE ABOUT 6400 OR 6500 INDIVIDUALS IN 33 HOTELS THAT MAKE UP 2700 FAMILIES.\r\n\r\nSO PLEASE BE SPECIFIC WHEN WE ASK, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU TALK TO ONE GROUP OR ANOTHER. FEMA TENDS TO GO INDIVIDUALS, RED CROSS TENDS TO GO FAMILIES. >> THAT IS VERY HELPFUL. ANY MORE QUESTIONS FOR MR. LEWIS AT THIS TIME? WE'LL SEE YOU LATER. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KATY AUSTEN, FOLLOWED BY THE PERSON CALLING IN FROM LAST FOUR DIGITS 9290. >> ALOHA, MY NAME IS KATIE AUSTIN, HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 131 TO INCENTIVIZE PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING STR OWNERS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM RENTALS FOR OUR RESIDENTS. I ALSO SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN'S AMENDMENT TO PROTECT CURRENT LONG-TERM RENTERS FROM POTENTIAL EVICTIONS FROM HOMEOWNERS HAD A WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FULL TAX-EXEMPTION. UNTIL DIGNIFIED HOUSING IS PROVIDED WITH URGENCY FOR OUR RESIDENTS THROUGH ALTERNATE SOLUTION WE URGE THE MAYOR TO USE EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON THE MINATOYA LIST IN WEST MAUI. I HAVE SPOKE WITH TOURISTS WHILE I HAVE BEEN OCCUPYING KA'ANAPALI BEACH AND SEEING SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS KNOW, WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. MAYOR, WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT TOURISTS TOWNS ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD HAVE DONE THIS AND BANNED SHORT-TERM RENTALS YEARS AGO BECAUSE IT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE HOUSING CRISIS. SOME CITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY DONG IT, NEW YORK, SANTA MONICA, REDONDO BEACH, MANHATTAN BEACH, HERMOSO BEACH, PARIS, LONDON AND BERLIN HAVE SOME OF THE STRICTIVE AND THAT IS JUST TO NAME A FEW AND IT RESTAURANT INLY IMPACTS THEIR HOUSING CRISIS, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BEFORE THE FIRE, BUT HERE WE ARE.\r\n\r\nI WANT TO BECAUSE WE'RE IN A EMERGENCY SITUATION AND EVERY DAY

WE'RE IN DIRE NEED FOR SOLUTIONS AND OUR MENTAL HEALTH IS ALREADY UNSTABLE AND RAPIDLY DECLINING. WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PROTECT THESE HOMEOWNERS SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH HOME ASSETS. I REALLY DON'T CARE. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY, POINTBLANK. YES. SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL. IT'S DEFINITELY A START, BUT WE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.

MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS THE PERSON CALLING WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 9290, FOLLOWED BY KANAMU BALINBIN. >> HOW MANY MORE BEFORE OUR BREAK?

>> THERE'S 41 PEOPLE SIGNED UP AND WE'RE CURRENTLY ON -- [INAUDIBLE] >> GIFT NAME PLEASE AGAIN. >> WE HAVE THIS PERSON DOWN WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 9290. >> THEY MAY HAVE JUST LEFT THE CALL. IS THAT RIGHT, LAUREN? NEXT. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS KANAMU BALINBIN, FOLLOWED BY NELLIE. >> ALOHA, COUNCIL. MAYOR BISSEN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY TODAY.

I HEARD SOME POWERFUL TESTIMONIES TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, I'M IN SUPPORT OF BILL 131. I SEE FIRSHTHAND THE DESPAIR OF THE PEOPLE WHO -- WE RUN THE DONATION HUB AND PROPS OUT TO THE OTHER HUBS. WE CAN HELP WITH THE FOOD, CLOTHING AND DIAPERS AND MEDICAL STUFF, BUT THE ONE THING WE CANNOT HELP IS PEOPLE WITH HOUSING. EVERYBODY THAT COMES DOWN, 99% OF THEM HAVE A HOUSING -- ARE IN A HOUSING CRISIS. A LOT OF THEM ARE MY FAMILY MEMBERS, MY FRIENDS, EVEN THE PEOPLE THAT I KNOW THAT I SEE AROUND TOWN. US GUYS IN LAHAINA, WE FEEL FOR EVERYBODY. I CARE FOR THEM, I SEE THEM, THEY COME TO OUR HUB ALMOST EVERY DAY, ALMOST EVERY OTHER DAY AND THE DESPAIR ON THEIR FACES GETS WORSE AND WORSE BECAUSE OF HOUSING SITUATIONS.

IF I HAD THREE, FOUR MONTHS STEADY WE COULD GATHER OURSELVES AND BET OUR HEADS STRAIGHT. I HAVE CRIED SO MUCH SINCE AUGUST. I'M NOT CRYING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY OR SAD, BUT I FEEL HELPFUL THAT I CANNOT HELP THESE PEOPLE. TO PLEASE, COUNCIL, PLEASE YOU PEOPLE WITH SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH HOMES, SIX MONTHS OF PEOPLE'S DESPAIR FOR YOUR VACATION RENTAL. THAT IS NOTHING. US GUYS HAVE YEARS OF DESPAIR WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH. SO PLEASE, ALL YOU PEOPLE WITH TWO, THREE, FOUR HOMES, I KNOW THE LOCAL PEOPLE THAT HAVE ONE HOME, OR 'OHANA ON OUR SIDE.

WE'RE LETTING THEM STAY WITH US. THAT IS HOW WE RUN LAHAINA. WE TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE. SO PLEASE, PLEASE, WE HAVE NO MORE TIME FOR TALKING, JUST DO, LIKE WE DO AT THE HUBS. WE DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR THAT DAY AND THAT IS WHAT WE DO WE DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. PLEASE DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, MAYOR, COUNCIL. MAYOR, TALK TO THE GOVERNOR, DO SOME BECAUSE WE'RE TIRED OF THIS.

WE'RE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED. WE'RE TIRED OF SEEING THINGS HAPPEN AND I WILL PULL THIS FROM DRUG TREATMENT. I USED TO BE IN DRUG TREATMENT AND YOU CANNOT DO THE SAME THINGS AND EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS. THAT IS INSANITY. THAT IS THE SAME THING HAPPENING WITHOUT DIFFERENT RESULTS. SO PLEASE FLIP THE SCRIPT AND TAKE CARE OF LOCAL PEOPLE. EVERY TIME I TESTIFY ON LAHAINA SUBJECTS, WE LOSE, AND THIS ONE WE NEED TO WIN.

PLEASE, PLEASE, TAKE CARE OF US. MAHALO. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. >> NEXT TERER IS NELLIE LAIRD WOODS, WITH THE PERSON COMING IN WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 6169. >> THEN WE'LL BE TAKING OUR MORNING BREAK. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR LEE, COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MAYOR BISSEN, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT MYSELF, DISPLACED FIRE VICTIM. I'M ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES. MY HOUSE IS STILL STANDING, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE BACK IN ANY TIME SOON. THERE'S REPAIRS THAT NEED TO BE MADE AND WATER AND SEWER THAT NEEDS TO BE RESTORED. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT TIMELINE IS, BUT THE PRIMARY REASON I'M HERE IS TO REPRESENT THE DISPLACED FIRE VICTIMS WITH PETS. THIS BILL AS FAR AS IT GOES, I FULLY SUPPORT.

BUT THE PROBLEM IS 95% OF STR HEAVY COMPLEXES PROHIBIT PETS AND NOTHING IN THIS BILL PROHIBITS AN OWNER IN A PET-FRIENDLY COMPLEX FROM PROHIBITING PETS, WHEN THEY ROUTINELY DO. I HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH SEVERAL OWNERS FOR PROPERTIES BECAUSE I HAVE TWO DOGS. I EVEN OFFERED ONE OWNER A DOUBLE DEPOSIT, WOULDN'T BUDGE, NO PETS. AS THE MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY CAN ATTEST, MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR PETS AND LONG-TERM HOUSING AND THEIR CHOICE FURTHER EXACERBATES THE PROBLEM AND TO GET THE MOST BENEFIT FROM THIS BILL, EVERY DISPLACED PERSON SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS BILL THESE UNITS GENERATED BY THIS BILL AND NOT JUST THOSE WITHOUT PETS. THANK YOU. >> OKAY. ANY

QUESTIONS? WELL, YOU ARE SPEAKING TO THE CHOIR WHEN IT COMES TO PETS. >> TELL THE OWNERS, THEY CAN'T PROHIBIT PETS. >> THANK YOU. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CALLING IN FROM LAST FOUR DIGITS 6169. I SHOW THAT PERSON IS UNMUTED ON OUR SIDE. 6169, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. >> ONE MORE. >> 6169, LAST CALL FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I SEE THEY ARE UNMUTED ON OUR SIDE, CHAIR. BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE ISSUE IS. >> MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TEN-MINUTE BREAK AND RETURN AT 10:40. 10:40. THIS MEETING IS IN RECESS. [GAVEL] [GAVEL] >> NEED TO START THE RECORDING. [GAVEL] >> WILL THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5TH, 2023, PLEASE RECONVENE. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, WE'LL START WITH THE TESTIFIER SIGNED IN WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 5986, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AMY CHADWICK 5986, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. LAST CALL FOR 5986. WE'RE MOVING ON TO AMY CHADWICK, FOLLOWED BY TOM GEARY. >> ALOHA EVERYONE, GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. THIS IS SUPER IMPORTANT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS BILL. AND I BELIEVE TIMING IS EVERYTHING. THIS CAN BE DONE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, YOU WILL SAVE THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT ON THE WEST SIDE FOR MOST OF MY ADULT LIFE. AND LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS, WE LOST OUR HOME ON KUM MAI STREET, WITH A FAMILY OF THREE ADULTS KEIKI AND THREE DOGS. AFTERWARDS WE HAD TO MOVE THREE TIMES AND MOST OF THOSE PLACES WERE FAMILY FRIENDS AND STRANGERS, BUT KIDS ARE SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR. WE WERE SO GRATEFUL WHEN WE FOUND A SHORT-TERM RENTAL ON THE GOVERNMENT SITE. NOW THIS WAS AFTER APPLYING TO 20 PLACES AND ABOUT I WOULD SAY SEVEN EIGHT DAYS AND THEY WERE THE ONLY PLACE TO RESPOND. WHILE I'M FILLED WITH SOME GRATITUDE AND MY BLESSINGS, FROM WHAT WE'RE TOLD IT'S AN ILLEGAL AIRBNB IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD IN NAPILI. WE'RE PAYING \$7,000 A MONTH AND THEY ARE CHARGING APPROXIMATELY 300 SQUARE FOOT STUDIO THERE ARE THE HOUSE FOR 3,000 DOLLARS A MONTH. WITH THAT, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND OUR ANGER. NOW WITH THIS WE HAVE THIS PLACE UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. I HAVE APPLIED TO 20, 30 PLACES OFF-ISLAND, ON-ISLAND AND NO ONE WILL TAKE US WITH OUR DOGS. AFTER BEING HERE MOST OF MY LIFE, WE HAVE TO LEAVE THE ISLAND AT THE END OF THE YEAR. SO THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE. I'M HEARTBROKEN FOR OUR FAMILY, BUT WEST MAUI IS ROOTED IN MY FRIENDS, FAMILIES HAVE BEEN HERE FOR GENERATIONS. WEST MAUI IS WEST MAUI BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY. WITHOUT THESE FAMILIES, WEST MAUI IS GOING TO -- WE'RE SHATTERED, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE DEVASTATED. THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS NEED TO REMEMBER THAT WEST MAUI IS WEST MAUI AND THAT IS WHY THEY MAKE THEIR MONEY. THAT IS THE REASON THE HEART, THE SOUL, THE WORKING-CLASS PEOPLE, IF WE ALL GO AWAY, IF EVERYONE HAS TO LEAVE, THEY ARE LEFT WITH NOTHING. IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO REPAY THEIR DEBT AND IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY MADE SO MUCH MONEY ON. WE DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR FEMA, BECAUSE WE WERE HOMEOWNERS. SO WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH LOSS REVIEWS. WITH THAT, THE LOW EST PLACE THAT I WAS -- ONE PERSON REACHED BACK TO ME AND IT WAS \$10,000 A MONTH. WITH OUR LOSS OF USE, WE CAN MAKE IT A YEAR ON MAUI. I'M A MOTHER, AND I HAVE TO THINK LONG-TERM FOR MY KEIKI, AND I CAN'T JUST GO ONE YEAR AT A TIME. I HAVE TO LOOK AT THEIR FUTURE. AND SO WE HAVE TO PAY OUR MORTGAGE. WE CAN'T AFFORD THE RENT AFTER OUR LOSS OF USE IS DONE. I TRULY BELIEVE -- IN AN EXPEDITIOUSLY DONE FASHION. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND TRYING TO GET THIS MOTIVATED, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE I TRULY BELIEVE IS NOTHING IS DONE FAST, WE'RE THE FIRST OF A MASS EXODUS COMING. THERE'S NOWHERE FOR PEOPLE TO GO. WE WANT TO STAY ON WEST MAUI. THAT IS WHERE OUR SUPPORT SYSTEM IS. THAT IS OUR ON OPTION. I JUST THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND I'M HEARTBROKEN AND EVEN THOUGH WE LEAVE, WE HOPE TO COME BACK AND REBUILD, I WILL NEVER STOP SUPPORTING MY COMMUNITY AND I LOVE YOU ALL, AND I APPRECIATE YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? NO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD LUCK TO YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TOM GEARY, FOLLOWED BY B.D. CHADWICK. >> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TOM GEARY. I WENT TO SCHOOL IN O'AHU AS A KID. MY BROTHER, BILL, ACTUALLY GOT HIS EDUCATION AT UH AND WENT ON TO TEACH SCHOOL IN MAUI FOR 30 YEARS, ACTUALLY PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING KAMEHAMEHA 3 IN LAHAINA. HE STILL LIVES IN KULA AND NEARLY BURNED-OUT BY THE FIRE. MY FAMILY HISTORY IS SOMEWHAT RELEVANT, BUT MY WIFE'S FAMILY IS FROM NEW ORLEANS

AND MY SIDE OF THE COUNTY IS FROM SANTA ROSA, THE HOME OF THE TUBBS PYRE AND I HAD TO RESCUE MY 95-YEAR-OLD MOTHER FOUR TIMES IN FIVE YEARS. SO I HAVE INCREDIBLE RESERVES OF EMPATHY FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVED THROUGH THIS DISASTER. A COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER THE FIRE, I CREATED A CAMPAIGN OF RETURN THE ALOHA. THERE'S A SITE YOU CAN SEE, RETURNTHEALOHA.ORG.\r\n\r\nI GOT A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF DONATIONS TO CREATE NATIONAL ADS CHANNELING FUNDS TO CHARITIES ON-ISLAND. I HAVE ALSO SINCE THEN WORKED WITH THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO COME UP WITH GRANTS TO TRY TO SECURE GRANTS FOR THE HEALTH CARE TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES THAT PEOPLE, AS JUSTICE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. WE ALSO I SHOULD MENTION DONATED THE USE OF OUR KA'ANAPALI CONDO. WE LOVE MAUI AND EVERYBODY LOVES MAUI. I WOULD SAY BILL 131 IS A NO-BRAINER. INCENTIVE BREAKS ARE FINE, WHO WOULD ARGUE WITH THAT? I AGREE PER OTHER COMMENTS THERE NEEDS TO BE OTHER THOUGHTS TO MAKE IT APPLY IT PRACTICALLY.\r\n\r\n\r\nTWO WEEKS' NOTICE IS NOT GOING TO WORK FOR PEOPLE. AND I THINK THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN LOST IN THIS DISCUSSION, ARE PEOPLE REALLY THINKING THROUGH THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE ECONOMICS? IF WE GET PRICED OUT AS A FAMILY, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE OUR CONDO SIT EMPTY, WE'RE NOT HEDGE FUNDERS. THEN WE HAVE TO SELL IT TO A HEDGE FUNDER. THAT IS NOT GOING TO HELP ANYONE AND THAT SECOND HOMEOWNER IS REALLY GOING TO BENEFIT, AND THAT DOESN'T HELP ANYONE. I THINK THERE'S BEEN A FAILURE OF IMAGINATION. I DID A DOCUMENTARY ON THE PARADISE FIRE.\r\n\r\n\r\nBUTTE COUNTY DID NOT SOLVE PARADISE'S FIRE. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELPED PARADISE. YOU KNOW? THIS IS A STATE PROBLEM. THIS IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM, SOMETHING I HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO WORK TO, ALL FOR FREE, NOT A PENNY HAS COME TO ME OR MY COMPANY, ALL BECAUSE OF MY FONDNESS FOR THE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE OF MAUI. WHY ISN'T A \$30 MAUI FEE GOING TO ALL OF THE 10 MILLION TOURISTS? THAT IS 300 MILLION A YEAR, JUST LIKE THAT.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHERE'S A SEPTEMBER 11TH FEE, AND WE DON'T BLINK ABOUT IT. THERE SHOULD BE A VIDEO ON EVERY FLIGHT, WHICH SPEAKS TO PEOPLE ABOUT THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGES. SO THAT EVERY VISITOR FROM AROUND THE WORLD BECOMES AN ADVOCATE FOR MAUI, AND HELPING THE PEOPLE THERE. THERE SHOULD BE A NATIONAL DESIGN CONTEST TO CREATE ADUS AND THERE'S A FAILURE OF IMAGINATION. I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO WITH 131. THIS IS A TIME TO THINK DIFFERENT, AND FRANKLY, TO TONE DOWN THE EMOTION AND VILIFICATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS. WE'RE NOT BY AND LARGE EVIL PEOPLE. WE CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MAUI.\r\n\r\n\r\nMY BROTHER HAS TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF MAUI. >> COULD YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY. >> THERE'S A FAILURE OF COMMUNICATION. FEMA IS FAILING TO COMMUNICATE THE PROGRAMS FOR THE SAME REASON THAT THEY'RE EVICTING PEOPLE WITH ONE DAY'S NOTICE. BOTH ARE INEXCUSABLE AND WHOEVER'S -- SO LET'S SOLVE THESE THINGS AND ALL IT'S GOING TO TAKE IS CREATIVITY, MORE THOUGHT, MORE COMMUNICATION, SHOW THE MATH, BE TRANSPARENT, BUT I PROMISE YOU, MANY OF US, ALL OF US REALLY WANT TO HELP. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, MEMBERS?\r\n\r\n\r\nMEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD, WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR WEBSITE? >> WELL, THE CAMPAIGN THAT I CREATED IS CALLED RETURNTHEALOHA.ORG. IT'S STILL LIVE AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE CREATED A CAMPAIGN WITH LOTS OF ADS, BILLBOARDS, DIGITAL ADS UP-AND-DOWN THE WEST COAST AND IN THE MIDWEST TO GET PEOPLE TO THAT SITE AND AS YOU CAN SEE, ALL IT DOES IS PUSH PEOPLE TO ON-ISLAND CHARITIES THAT WE FELT WERE THE MOST DESERVING. NO LINKS TO FEMA OR THE RED CROSS, YOU WILL NOTE. >> YOU SAY YOU RAISED \$200,000? >> I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE RAISED, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T DIRECTLY TAKE ANY OF THE MONEY.\r\n\r\n\r\nI DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE POSITION OF DOING ANYTHING OTHER THAN CHANNELING 100%, EVERY PENNY, TO THE ON-ISLAND CHARITIES THAT WE LISTED THERE. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CLARIFICATION. >> YOU BET. >> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS B.K. CHADWICK, FOLLOWED BY TARSIS. >> GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, AND ASSOCIATES.\r\n\r\n\r\nAND RESIDENTS. I THINK WE ALL KNOW THIS IS A VERY DIRE SITUATION. BILL 131, OF COURSE, IS SOMEWHAT OF A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION, WHICH I CALL A FORMULA. THE REASON WHY WE'RE IN THIS SITUATION IS BAD AS IT IS, TRYING TO BEG THESE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS TO LET THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, WHO HAVE SERVED THEM SO WELL FOR SO

MANY DECADES, AND SO MANY GENERATIONS TO LET US HAVE SOMEWHERE TO LIVE IS BECAUSE THE FORMULA WAS FLAWED FROM THE BEGINNING. OKAY? AND THE FORMULA READS LIKE THIS: A REAL ESTATE AGENT WHO MAKES 3%, 6%, ON THEIR SALE, DOESN'T CARE WHO THEY SELL IT TO. THEY SELL IT TO WHO EVER AND WHOEVER IS PITCHED BY THE REAL ESTATE AGENT AND MAYBE IT WAS 2016, MAYBE 2018, IT WAS GETTING REALLY FEVERISH WHEN THE INTEREST RATES WERE 3% OR WHATEVER THEY WERE? OKAY? SO THIS REAL ESTATE AGENT OR SELLER WHO SAY TO THE POTENTIAL BUYER, LOOK YOU CAN BUY THIS HOUSE FOR \$1 MILLION, \$1.2 MILLION AND THEN YOUR DEBT SERVICE IS GOING TO BE AND YOUR EXPENSES IS 5-6,000 DOLLARS A MONTH, 50-60,000 A YEAR, BUT IF YOU RENT IT OUT, YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE 15, 20, 30,000 DOLLARS A MONTH, OKAY? SO WHAT HAPPENS? SO NOW THESE WEALTHY PEOPLE, THESE WEALTHY INVESTORS GO, OKAY, MR. REALTOR, HOW MANY OF THESE HOUSES CAN YOU SELL ME? AND THEN THEY'RE SITTING WHEREVER THEY ARE SITTING JUST BANKING OFF OF THEIR INVESTMENT, THEIR "INVESTMENT" ON MAUI. WELL, IT IS THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND WE LIVE IN A CAPITALISTIC SOCIETY. HOWEVER, AS KATY AUSTIN MENTIONED, THERE'S PLACES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT HAVE ADDRESSED THIS SITUATION. OKAY? I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS TAX INCENTIVE IS VERY MUCH OF AN INCENTIVE FOR GREEDY PEOPLE TO GIVE UP THEIR CONDOS OR THEIR HOMES TO DISPLACED FAMILIES, FINANCIALLY IT IS NOT REALLY THAT GOOD OF A DEAL, BECAUSE IF THEIR DEBT SERVICE IS \$5,000 A MONTH, ON THEIR MILLION DOLLAR PROPERTY, AND THEIR TAX BREAK IS 15,000 DOLLARS A YEAR, HOW DOES THAT STACK UP AGAINST \$250,000 A YEAR IN RENTAL INCOME? DOES ANYBODY HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THAT? I DON'T THINK -- I MEAN, OKAY. SO IF THE PEOPLE HAVE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY. >> THREE MINUTES. >> IF THEY REALLY LOVE MAUI AND THEY LOVE THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, AND ESPECIALLY OF WEST MAUI, AND KULA, THEN THEY WILL STEP UP AND THEY WILL SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'RE ALREADY RICH AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO MAKE SURE THESE FAMILIES HAVE SOMEWHERE TO LIVE. BUT REALLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I BELIEVE THAT MAUI AND HAWAII NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS VACATION RENTAL SITUATION. IF THE TOURISTS WANT TO STAY IN HOTELS, LET THEM STAY IN THE HOTELS. IF THEY WANT TO STAY IN CONDOS THAT IS WHAT HOTELS AND RESORT CONDOS WERE DESIGNED FOR. >> CAN YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE? >> YES. THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, NEXT. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TARSIS, FOLLOWED BY KEVIN WATKINS. >> I HOPE WE CAN SEE HIM. >> TARSIS, >> ALOHA. ALOHA. WHAT IS YOUR NAME? >> MY NAME IS TARSIS. AND I'M WITH MAUI COMMUNITY RELIEF ORGANIZATION. >> MAUI WHICH? >> I'M WITH MAUI COMMUNITY RELIEF ORGANIZATION. >> OH, OKAY. I'M TESTIFYING ON BILL 131. AND IN SUPPORT OF TAMARA PALTIN'S BILL AS WELL. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO MAHALO MAYOR FOR BEING PRESENT, AND JUST A LITTLE INTRODUCTION OF MYSELF FOR THE LAST YEARS I HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY INVOLVED WITH DIVERS NATURAL ELEMENTS DISASTER RESILIENCE PROJECTS SUCH AS HURRICANE MICHAEL IN PANHANDLE IN FLORIDA IN 2019, THE AMAZON RAINFOREST CHALLENGES DUE TO FIRES MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN LINKED TO INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURAL AND CATTLE RANCHING. CURRENTLY I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY RESEARCHING AND INTERVIEWING LAHAINA SURVIVORS FROM AUGUST WILDFIRES THAT INCLUDES KANAKA, IMMIGRANTS, SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM RENTAL OWNERS AND HOAS AND PEOPLE AFFECTED AND THE ONES THAT WEREN'T. TO EXTEND MY DIALECTICAL HOMEWORK I HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN EVERY MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING. SO JUST A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT I HAVE BEEN NOTICING FROM MY EXPERIENCE WORKING ON THIS AREA IS THAT IN EVERY NATURAL DISASTER EFFORT THAT I HAVE WORKED ON, THE PRIORITY FOCUS IS THE RELIEF SAFETY AND ACCOMMODATION FOR THOSE AFFECTED IN A TIMELY MANNER. IN THIS SITUATION, NOW, IN MAUI, INSTEAD, THE FOCUS AND THE PRIORITY IS ON THE VISITORS OR SNOWBIRDS AS THEY ARE CALLED IN FLORIDA. THESE INITIATIVES REPRESENT A COMBINATION OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN EFFORTS. WHAT I HAVE NOTICED IS THAT THE FOREIGNS ARE STEPPING IN, BECAUSE MAUI LAWMAKERS ARE SHOWING THE WORLD TRANSPARENTLY THAT YOUR OWN PEOPLE ARE NOT YOUR PRIORITY. I UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITY BEHIND THE INCENTIVE FOR TAXPAYERS THAT ARE WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE LONG-TERM LOCALS. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THE HOSTILITY OF THOSE THAT ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE, AND THE MISINFORMATION OF THEIR TAXES RAISED IF NOT. THE FACT THAT EVERYONE PAYS TAXES AND

THE EXEMPTION FOR THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO RENT LONG-TERM SHOULD NOT BE A CONCERN FOR THOSE NOT WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN BILL 131 AS IT STATES IT'S AN INCENTIVE, NOT A MANDATORY. FOR THOSE CONCERNED, I PUT SOME BULLETS HERE OF, LIKE, QUESTIONS OF WHAT WOULD INCENTIVIZE TO SUPPORT FAMILIES LONG-TERM? LAWMAKERS, LIKE MYSELF, WHY DON'T WE SURVEY INCENTIVES, PERSONALIZED FEEDBACK FROM DIFFERENT AUDIENCES? SOME OWNERS THAT I NOTICED IN MY INTERVIEWS THAT WANT TO ACCOMMODATE, BUT THE PROPERTY MANAGER DOES NOT. SO THE FEEDBACK FROM HOMEOWNERS -- >> THREE MINUTES.\r\n\r\n>> IS THAT FEMA PREFERS WORKING WITH CORPORATES INSTEAD OF INDIVIDUALS. I WITNESSED ONE TEXTING A COUNCIL MEMBER LAST WEEK DIRECTLY ASKING SUPPORT ON HOW TO RENT THEIR LARGE HOME LONG-TERM? AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW. THE SAME DAY OF THE AFTERNOON MEETING SOMEONE TESTIFIES, I BELIEVER THE NAME JUNYA NEEDING A HOUSE FOR A FAMILY OF SEVEN THAT WAS DISPLACED. THE HOUSE WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT FIT FOR THAT SITUATION. >> I'M SORRY, CAN YOU CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY. >> YES.\r\n\r\nABSOLUTELY. SO MY INSIGHT IS JUST IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO WORK INTEGRATED INSTEAD OF AGAINST, I ALSO BULLET -- LIKE COLLECT INFORMATION FROM HOA OWNERS TO SEE THE REASON FOR THEIR DENIALS? BECAUSE I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THEY'RE DENIALS LOOKING FOR MY DIALECTICAL POINT OF VIEW AND I UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITY DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THEIR ASSETS, BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE ALSO FAMILY AND THEY ARE ALSO NEED INCOME. SO IF YOU CAN INTEGRATE THAT INSTEAD OF PUTTING THE COMMUNITY AGAINST EACH OTHER, PERHAPS IT'S A WAY TO, LIKE, FLOW INTO A MORE HARMONIC OR THE ALOHA WAY INSTEAD OF ANIMOSITY. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA FOR YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WONDER IF YOU COULD SUBMIT TO US THE DATA THAT YOU HAVE COLLECTED? >> YES, ABSOLUTELY. >> WITH YOUR INTERVIEWS, OR THE WEBSITE? COULD YOU? >> ABSOLUTELY. WHAT EMAIL WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO THAT?\r\n\r\nYOU WANT TO PUT IT IN THE CHAT. >> MAYBE YOU COULD SEND TO OUR COMMITTEE SO EVERYBODY COULD HAVE IT. THE COUNTY CLERK. DO YOU WANT US TO PROVIDE IT FOR YOU? THANK YOU. >> MY PLEASURE. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER, PLEASE. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KEVIN WATKINS, FOLLOWED BY JORDAN HOCKER ALOHA, MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL, ALOHA MAYOR, ALOHA MAUI COMMUNITY. FIRST OF ALL, I SUPPORT THIS BILL. WELL, PUT TOGETHER. THANK YOU, MAYOR BISSEN AND COUNCIL FOR INTRODUCING THIS. I THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD START.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHE ONLY AMENDMENT I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR THE BILL IS THAT FOR STRS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE, YOU KNOW, RENTERS, OBLIGATIONS, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE COMING OUT, ALLOW A PRORATED EITHER BY MONTH OR BY WEEK FOR THEM TO JOIN THE PROGRAM, SO THAT THEY CAN JOIN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF AN STR IS DONE WITH THEIR WINTER RENTALS BY FEBRUARY, THEY CAN SIGN UP BEFORE THE DEADLINE, AND THEN GET A PRORATED RATE FOR DOING THAT YEARLONG, AS SOON AS THEY ARE ABLE TO JOIN. SO THAT IS -- OTHERWISE, I THINK IT'S WRITTEN REALLY WELL. I DID WANT TO SAY WHEN YOU GO TO MAUIPROPERTYTAX.COM, MAKE SURE YOU CLICK ON "FORMS" AT THE TOP AND WHY YOU FIND THE EXEMPTION FORMS FOR ANYBODY LOOKING TO GET THOSE. IT'S THE FORMS TAB TO FILL IN THAT PAPERWORK. AND SO YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PROCESS IS STREAMLINED FOR ON-BOARDING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. AND I ALSO SUPPORT MEMBER PALTIN'S AMENDMENT FOR PROTECTING CURRENT LONG-TERM RENTALS.\r\n\r\n\r\nI AM IN A LONG-TERM RENTAL, AND YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE NOT SO GREAT IF I WAS DISPLACED SO SOMEBODY COULD GET A HIGHER RATE FROM FEMA AND A TAX BREAK. SO I THINK THAT IS A GOOD COMPONENT TO INCLUDE. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO CNHA, THEY'RE DOING A LOT OF STUFF AND THE PEOPLE WORKING WITH FEMA AND RED CROSS, OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT IS WORKING WITH THEM TO HOUSE OUR DISPLACED RESIDENTS. THEY ARE DOING SUCH HARD WORK, AND THEY'RE TRYING TO DO THEIR BEST. IT'S A WAR OF ATTRITION. THE WHOLE COUNTY IS HURTING FROM THESE FIRES. SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PAIN AND LOSS OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, NOT JUST ON THE WEST SIDE, BUT EVERYBODY ON THE ISLAND IS REALLY FEELING IT.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO WE'RE ALL STICKING TOGETHER AND IT'S THE ALOHA SPIRIT THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. YOU KNOW ON THE LAHAINA PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAY IN LAHAINA AND IF NOT, THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO STAY ON MAUI. SO WHEN THE PHASE 2 CLEAN UP IS DONE, THAT THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR

PROPERTIES AND START TO REBUILD. SO ANOTHER THING, I KNOW THIS IS NOT ABOUT TAX RATES, THIS IS JUST ABOUT THE TAX EXEMPTION. I ALSO SUPPORT RAISING THE HOTEL TAX RATE. CURRENTLY IT'S AT 11.75 AND I THINK ANYWHERE FROM 10-50% INCREASE IS NOT GOING TO HURT THESE BILLION DOLLAR CORPORATIONS OF THE JUST LAST YEAR 2022, GRAND WAILEA HAD A REVENUE OF \$41 MILLION AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE SAME CORPORATE ENTITY U CAN GO ONLINE EASILY AND FIND THEIR PROSPECTUS WHY YOU SHOULD INVEST IN THEM AND WHAT KIND DIVIDENDS THEY PAY OUT. >> THREE MINUTES.\r\n\r\n>> SO I THINK -- >> COULD YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY? ABSOLUTELY. >> THANK YOU. >> I THINK THE LAST THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A GREAT SOLUTION AND IT'S A GOOD START, WE NEED TO BUILD 10,000 HOMES. TO LOOK AT THE LONG-TERM SUPPORT AND STABILITY FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR ISLAND. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JORDAN HOCKER, FOLLOWED BY JOHN. >> ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. ANY NAME IS JORDAN HOCKER A TENANT AND HOUSING ORGANIZATION FOR MAUI HUI AND TO OFFER MY PERSPECTIVES. COLORADO, GEORGIA, KENTUCKY, FLORIDA, TENNESSEE, IDAHO, TEXAS, ALABAMA, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, MAINE AND MICHIGAN ALL STATES THAT HAVE MUNICIPALITIES THAT MADE MOVES TO OUTRIGHT BAN STRS ALL TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS WE KNOW THAT STRS IS GAINING POPULARITY AND CREATING A HOUSING CRISIS WORLD WIDE AND CLEARLY INDICATED HOW THE TREND OF STRS IS CONTRIBUTING TO OUR HOUSING CRISIS BOTH PRE- AND POST-FIRES. ALSO BRING STRANGERS INTO RESIDENTIAL AREAS, WHICH HAS RESULTED AND I WOULD SAY IS ACTIVELY FUELING CRUCIAL ERASURE BY PUSHING OUT LOCALS PARTICULARLY ON THE WEST SIDE.\r\n\r\nI WILL SAY THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH OF WHAT I LOVE IN THE CULTURE OF MAUI, HOW MUCH OF THAT LIVED AND LIVES IN LAHAINA. FOR THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS WHO ARE TAKING A STAND AGAINST BILL 131, I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD COUNT THEMSELVES FORTUNE THAT THE RESPONSE TO THIS EMERGENCY ISN'T AN OUTRIGHT ABOLISHMENT IT'S A NUMBERS GAME AND RENEW THE CALL THAT UNPERMITTED STRS UNDER THE MINATOYA EXEMPTION BE PHASED OUT ALONG WITH OTHERS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MAYOR BISSEN AND HIS STAFF FOR DUE DILIGENCE TO STRIKE A BALANCE. IF YOU ARE UNAWARE, SEPTEMBER WAS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH AND WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKING THEIR OWN LIVES AFTER THIS TRAGEDY AND WITHOUT STABLE HOUSING THIS ONGOING LACK OF STABLE HOUSING AND OTHER TRAGEDIES WILL CONTINUE. I PERSONALLY DO NOT KNOW HOW THOSE WITH THE MEANS TO HELP WOULD TURN THEIR BACKS ON THAT REALITY AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT PERSON IS NOT AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. IF PEOPLE WOULD LIKE ALOHA, THEY SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE. I BELIEVE THIS BILL IS TRYING TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE IN THAT WAY.\r\n\r\nFROM THE MAUI HOUSING PERSPECTIVE WE HAVE HEARD CONCERNS BOTH IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRES AND ONGOING OF LONG-TERM RENTERS BEING DISPLACED TO HOUSE FIRE SURVIVORS BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING INCENTIVES, UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES OF FUNDING INCENTIVES LIKE FEMA OFFERING A HIGHER RENTAL RATE. DUE TO THE HOUSING CRISIS, WHICH WAS EXACERBATED BY STRS PRIOR TO THE FIRES I WOULD URGE ANY POLICY TO ALSO FOCUS ON KEEPING THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED. >> THREE MINUTES. >> HOUSED. I WILL FINISH UP WITH MY LAST. SO PLEASE PASS BILL 131 WITH THE AMENDMENT PUT FORWARD BY COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN TO STABILIZE LONG-TERM RENTERS AS WELL. THIS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JOHN FOLLOWED BY VICTORIA ZUPANCIC. >> ALOHA CHAIR LEE, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR BISSEN. I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF BILL 131. THIS IS A GREAT START TO CURB THE HOUSING SHORTAGE FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AND ALLOWS STR HOMEOWNERS TO DISPLACE OUR FAMILIES WHO LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE WILDFIRES BY INCENTIVIZING -- THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, NEXT. >> VICTORIA ZUPANCIC FOLLOWED BY VICTORIA ROJAS. >> I'M THE COORDINATOR AT LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HAWAII TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND SERVE AS THE CHAIR FOR SUPPORTING NEW EDUCATORS. I COME TO YOU TODAY SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND THE ETHOS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS THAT I SEE. THIS SUMMER WE REVIEWED AND HIRED AND GAVER OFFERS TO FIVE HIGHLY QUALIFIED EDUCATES

TO COME TEACH AT LAHAINALUNA AND THEY COULDN'T COME BECAUSE THERE WAS NO HOUSING.\r\n\r\nWE TALKED ABOUT FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW IS PUSHING OUT THE ACTUAL STAFF THAT WE HAVE. I HAVE SAT WITH MY ADMINISTRATION OVER LAST FEW WEEKS IF THERE'S NOT AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION, IN WHICH I SUPPORT THE BILL AND I SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN'S AMENDMENT, BUT IF THERE'S NOT AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RUN SCHOOLS. I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE 21 TEACHER ABSENCES AT A GIVEN TIME AND 100-200 CHILDREN SITTING IN THE CAFETERIA AT A TIME. I THINK THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE AWARE AND THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF CULPABILITY IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS IN MAUI. I THINK YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IF WE CANNOT PROVIDE A FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING IN OUR SCHOOLS FOR A LONG TIME, BUT IF YOU DO NOT ACT NOW AND GET HOUSING AND KEEP THE CRITICAL EMPLOYEES THAT NEED TO BE HERE TO RUN SCHOOLS, OUR SCHOOLS WILL NOT FUNCTION. YOU WILL THEN DECIMATE THIS COMMUNITY FURTHER FOR THE FOLKS THAT ARE ABLE TO STAY AND LIVE, THOSE KIDS CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL.\r\n\r\nSO PLEASE, I URGE YOU NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT TAXING SHORT-TERM RENTALS WHICH HAVE GIVEN MORE PROBLEMS PRIOR TO THIS FIRE THAN WE CAN NAME, BUT THINKING OF LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO TAXING THESE FOLKS THAT THIS HOUSING MARKET CAN RESTABILIZE ITSELF AND GO BACK TO THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TARA ROJAS, FOLLOWED BY LIVID CLEMENTINE. >> ALOHA, TARA ROJAS, CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO START WITH, YOU KNOW, COUNTY COUNCIL, YOU KNOW, AND THE MAYOR, I DO SUPPORT THIS BILL 131. ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING FOR OUR MAUI 'OHANA THAT ARE AFFECTED, I FULLY SUPPORT. YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO ALSO MENTION THIS TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE COUNTY YOU DO HAVE THE POWER, YOU KNOW, EVEN MORE THAN THE STATE. AND TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS IS TEMPORARY AS THE PREVIOUS TESTIFIER JUST MENTIONED, THIS IS TEMPORARY. WHERE IT'S A LEASE OF ONLY A YEAR AND FINE MORE INCENTIVES AND DO MORE AND HAVE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS AND ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH RESPONSE FROM THESE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS FOR THIS BILL. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE MOUTHS OF AFFECTED FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN THAT THEY ARE SAYING AND THEY'RE TEENAGERS AND I HAVE HEARD THIS MENTIONED MORE THAN ONCE ABOUT THE STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH THAT IS CAUSING THEM AND THE CONSTANT MOVING AND UNCERTAINTY AND LIVING IN DREADED KNOCK AT THE DOOR.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS WHY WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF WHATEVER IS GOING TO HELP THEM. FINALLY, JUST THINK ABOUT THIS, THINK ABOUT A CUT. YOU KNOW HOW IT BLEEDS? AND THEN IT SCABS OVER, BECAUSE IT'S HEALING. THEN YOU PICK AT IT AND IT RE-OPENS AND THEN IT HEALS AND YOU KEEP PICKING AT IT. IN THIS CASE, THE KNOWLEDGE IS THE CUT IS LIKE THE FIRE, THE INJUSTICE, THE UNHOUSED FAMILIES, AFFECTED FAMILIES, AND THE FACT THAT TOURISTS ECONOMICS AND GREED ARE CONTINUOUSLY THE PRIORITY. THE FEELING IS THE COMMUNITIES, THE LOVE, THE HELPING OF EACH OTHER [INAUDIBLE] YET THE SCABBING TO SEE THESE CONTINUOUS MEETINGS WITH NO ACTUAL CONCRETE ACTIONS.\r\n\r\nTHERE'S FAMILIES IN HOUSING, BEING MOVED OUT ON THE BEACH. SO IT KEEPS RE-OPENING, RE-OPENING. SO MAYOR, SINCE YOU'RE HERE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT PART OF THIS PICKING AT IT THAT RE-OPENS IT AND PART OF THE FAMILIES NOT BEING ABLE TO HEAL IS THE LOCKING OUT OF THE PUBLIC, TO YOUR OFFICE AND THE 9TH FLOOR AND NOT RESPONDING TO CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITY CALLS AND EMAILS. SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS AND FOR THE COMMUNITIES, YOU KNOW? BECAUSE SILENCE IS RE-OPENING THIS WOUND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THIS DISPLACEMENT AND UNJUSTNESS OF TOURISTS, ECONOMIC AND ECONOMY AND GREED OVER KANAKA, ESPECIALLY KANAKA MAOLIS THAT TO PONO NEEDS TO PREVAIL BY ACTION, NOT WORDS. >> THREE MINUTES.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO NUI. >> THANK YOU, QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES] >> ALOHA CHAIR LEE, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR BISSEN. THERE YOU ARE. MY NAME IS LIVID CLEMENTINE AND I'M A RESIDENT OF WAILUKU AND I HAVE LIVED HERE 22 YEARS. I WAS NOT IMPACTED BY THE FIRES PERSONALLY, OTHER THAN THE

FACT THAT I SHARE THE LOSS IN MY HEART. I THINK THAT BILL 131 IS A GOOD DEAL. I SUPPORT IT. I THINK IT DOES PROVIDE SOME INCENTIVE. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO GO FAR ENOUGH BY ITSELF TO MOTIVATE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS ENOUGH OF THEM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE HOUSING STOCK. I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE ACTUALLY HAD THE BILL FROM THE LEGISLATURE, THE -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WOULD END UP BEING, BUT YOU KNOW, IT WOULD WORK BETTER IF THE GOVERNOR IS ABLE TO ACTUALLY CARRY OUT THE PLAN HE HAS PUT FORTH TO COMPENSATE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS AT A VERY, VERY HIGH RATE. I ALSO THINK THAT IF I WERE ON COUNCIL, I WOULD BE WANTING TO SEE THE MAYOR'S COMPANION BILL THAT -- OOPS, IN HIS PRESS RELEASE LAST WEEK, HE TALKED ABOUT A COMPANION BILL THAT WOULD BE THE STICK, AND THIS IS THE CARROT. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STICK AT THE SAME TIME, IF IT WERE ME. LET'S SEE, IN THE BEGINNING, MR. MAYOR, WHEN YOU GAVE YOUR REMARKS, YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE COUNTY TAKING CARE OF DAMAGES AND REPAIRS. I THINK THAT WOULD NEED TO BE PUT INTO LANGUAGE AT SOME POINT SO THE OWNERS PARTICIPATING WOULD KNOW THAT IS ANOTHER SOURCE OF HELP AND OTHER INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO OPEN THEIR HOMES TO MAUI RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY THE FIRE. JUST A SORT OF COUPLE OF HOUSEKEEPING THINGS WITH THIS BILL. WHEN I WAS READING SECTION 3.48551B5 FOR EXAMPLE, THIS SAYS THAT IF THE OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING UNIT MAINTAINS A PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE IN ADDITION TO THE DWELLING THE EXEMPTION SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED AND IT WASN'T CLEAR TO ME FROM THAT PHRASE, THAT OCCUPANT MEANT THE LESSEE AND NOT OWNER OF THE PROPERTY. SO I WOULD SUGGEST LOOKING BACK THROUGH THIS AND MAYBE SOME CLARIFICATION COULD BE GIVEN? MAYBE I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT DID UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I WAS THINKING THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER IF IT WAS LESSEE. >> THREE MINUTES. >> CAN YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE? >> YES, CHAIR, I CAN CONCLUDE THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY. >> THANK YOU. WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. CLEMENTINE. I WAS JUST WANTING TO CLARIFY IF WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE CARROT COSTS HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW THAT THE STICK IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE? >> THAT IS A GOOD POINT. I GUESS IT'S ALL A MATTER OF -- AT THIS TIME. SO MAYBE THE IDEA IS TO KIND OF FIND OUT WITH THIS FIRST BILL HOW MANY PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE CARROT AND IF NEED BE, BRING IN THE STICK LATER, I GUESS THAT IS MORE TO YOUR POINT. >> THANK YOU. >> I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE ANY WRITTEN AMENDMENT THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE REFERRED TO YOUR AMENDMENT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS WRITTEN. I DID ASK AT THE DESK IF AN AMENDMENT WAS PROVIDED AND IT WAS INDICATED THAT NO, IT WAS NOT. >> YES, SUNSHINE LAW PREVAILS, BUT I DID INTRODUCE PART OF IT ON FRIDAY. >> OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> NEXT. >> [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]. >> ALOHA MAYOR BISSEN AND COUNCIL CHAIR LEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME CYRUS CODANI, RESIDENCE OF LAHAINA, I WAS DISPLACED BY THE FIRE. ALTHOUGH MY HOME WAS NOT DESTROYED. IT'S UNIMAGINABLE AT THIS TIME. I AM CURRENTLY RESIDING IN KAHULUI. FOR HOW LONG, I DON'T KNOW. I'M NOT SURE. BUT I HAVE KNOW OF A LOT OF PEOPLE AND MY FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS STAYING IN HOTELS AND THE FRUSTRATION THAT I SEE IN THEM, THE SIMPLE THINGS SUCH AS WANTING TO COOK THEIR OWN MEALS. THAT IS WHAT I HEAR, I JUST WANT TO BE IN A PLACE THAT I CAN COOK MY OWN MEALS. IT'S SO VERY MY HEART GOES OUT TO THEM. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. I KNOW THIS BILL WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT'S GOING TO TAKE MANY MORE SOLUTIONS, WHICH I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTION IS. I KNOW THIS IS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FACING, AND YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST THAT IT'S JUST AGAIN, YOU KNOW ONE PERSON MENTIONED EARLIER, THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION WE JUST NEED MORE HOUSING, WE NEED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND SO I JUST WANTED TO JUST CONCLUDE WITH THAT THEN, AND SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE IN WEST MAUI. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? NO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU AGAIN. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TO TESTIFIER IS STEPHEN WEST, FOLLOWED BY JORDAN ROWITES. >> THANK YOU, MAYOR. THANK YOU, CHAIR LEE, COUNCIL MEMBERS. STEPHEN WEST HERE ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE WAREHOUSE UNION AND OUR MEMBERS. I WANTED TO SAY WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING IT. LIKE CYRUS HAD SAID, IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT

DIRECTION. IT'S NOT GOING TO FIX EVERYTHING. BEFORE THE FIRE, WE WERE IN A CRISIS.\r\n\r\nTHIS FIRE EXACERBATED WHAT HAPPENED, THE CAUSE OF THAT. NOW WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LEAVING, WE HAVE SUICIDES, HOW MANY WE DON'T REALLY EVEN KNOW. THERE NEEDS TO BE A DRASTIC ACTION THAT MOVES FORWARD, AND BASICALLY STOPS TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS, SHORT-TERM RENTALS. IT HAS TO STOP. IN MANY MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE IT'S BEEN RECOGNIZED, AND BEEN SOLUTIONS PUT FORWARD. IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. WE CAN'T CONTINUE DOING THE SAME THING.\r\n\r\nTHIS IS COMING FROM SOMEONE THAT FROM TOURISM, BUT YOU KNOW, WHEN THESE HOTELS WERE BUILT MANY YEARS AGO, THEY WEREN'T BUILT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY WEREN'T BUILT WHERE THE WORKERS WORK. YOU KNOW, THEY BUILT IN MAUI MEADOWS THEY BUILT A WHOLE STREET FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE THAT WORKED IN THE HOTELS. THE GRAND WAS BUILT THERE WAS THE TERRACE AND WORKERS LIVED THERE AND NOW THEY DON'T. WE HAD A TESTIFIER EARLY WHO TESTIFIED ABOUT TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS. WENT ON THEIR WEBSITE AND SAW TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE LIVE. IT CAN'T CONTINUE. THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE FOR US TO -- WHAT ARE WE EXPORTING?\r\n\r\nWE'RE EXPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND I HAVE TESTIFIED NUMEROUS TIMES ON THIS. OVER 2,000 KIDS ARE LEAVING MAUI EVERY YEAR. THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO COME BACK. THERE'S NO HOUSING. SO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE FIRST STEP. DEFINITELY WANT TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM. OUR MEMBERS CAN'T SUSTAIN PAYING \$3,000-4,000 A MONTH RENT.\r\n\r\nIT'S CRAZY. HAD A COMMUNITY MEMBER COME TO ME JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, HE WAS BEING -- HE DIDN'T KNOW IF HE WAS GOING TO BE EVICTED WITH A MAINLAND BUYER COMING IN BUYING UP NINE HOMES AND HE WAS ON A MONTH TO MONTH RENT. HE HAS EXTREME ANXIETY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HE WILL DO. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES] >> ALOHA AND GOOD MORNING. I HAVE BEEN BOOTS ON THE GROUND ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS AND THE STRESS, AGONY AND UNCERTAINTY OF OUR LAHAINA FIRE VICTIMS ARE FACING EVERY DAY IS HEART SHATTERING. I BEING YOU TO PLEASE PUT YOURSELVES IN THEIR SHOES WHILE YOU LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY TODAY. WE'RE 26 DAYS ON THE BEACH FIGHTING FOR DIGNIFIED HOUSING FOR OUR PEOPLE AND TO HUMBLY ASK YOU TO SUPPORT SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TIME SHARES WILLING TO SIGN A ONE-YEAR LEASE WITH DISPLACED FIRE VICTIMS WITH NO PROPERTY TAX AS A MAHALO FOR THEIR GENEROUS GUEST YOUR TO OUR COMMUNITY. MAHALO MAYOR BISSEN FOR COMING UP WITH THIS PLAN, SUCH A GREAT START AND SUPPORT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF LAHAINA AND MAUI COUNTY AS A WHOLE.\r\n\r\nI URGE THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT BILL 13 1 TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM HOUSING FOR OUR RESIDENTS, EVEN THOUGH I THINK DANGLING CARROTS AND INCENTIVIZING THEM IS ABSOLUTELY APPALLING. NON-CONGREGATE SHELTERING IS SET TO END FEBRUARY 10TH AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH RENTALS OR OTHER OPTIONS FOR DISPLACED FIRE VICTIMS TO CONTINUE LIVING HERE IN WEST MAUI OR EVEN ON THE ISLAND. THIS MAY NOT BE A SOLUTION FOR ALL FIRE VICTIMS, BUT IT COULD HELP SOME AND AS MAYOR BISSEN WANTS TO GIVE PROPERTY OWNERS A CHANCE TO HELP VOLUNTARILY WILL SHOW WHO IS WILLING TO HELP AND WHO IS NOT. THESE PROPERTIES, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH HOMES ARE PROPERTIES -- ONLY ASHES AND A FEW MEMENTOS, IF ANYTHING AND HAVE A PLACE TO LAY THEIR HEAD, WHILE OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS IN OUR OWN HOME, MOVING UP TO EIGHT DIFFERENT TIMES AND GIVEN HOURS TO BE OUT OF THESE ROOMS. ONE OF THESE OWNERS EVEN STATED PLEASE ADVISE, I'M AGAINST ANY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE ON MY PROPERTY FOR NOT RENTING TO STRANGERS. DISGUSTING THAT IS ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING AND DO YOU SEE HOW SOME OF THESE OWNERS VIEW US? NEWS FLASH, WE'RE NOT STRANGERS, BUT THE PEOPLE THAT YOU MAKE MONEY OFF OF THE VERY PEOPLE BREAKING OUR BACKS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR GUESTS HAVE THE VACATION THAT THEY ALWAYS DREAMED OF.\r\n\r\nTHESE OWNERS HAVE MADE ENOUGH MONEY OFF OUR COMMUNITY AND IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK TO US, BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND POUR BACK INTO OUR CUPS. WE'RE TIRED. WE ARE WORN DOWN AND WHAT HAPPENS IF HOUSING IS NOT PROVIDES WHAT STRANGERS WILL SERVICE OUR GUESTS STEPHEN? THOSE ON THE MINATOYA LIST ARE WORKFORCE HOUSING AND NOW BEING USED FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS. I ALSO FEEL THE \$1 MILLION THRESHOLD NEEDS TO BE DROPPED TO

ROUGHLY \$650,000. ACCORDING TO MAUI HALE MULTNOMAH MINATOYA LIST ANALYSIS 51% OF THE MINATOYA LIST ARE ASSESSED LOWER THAN \$1 MILLION AND THOSE OWNERS WILL SLIDE UNDER THE RADAR WITH BILL 131. >> THREE MINUTES. >> ALSO PLEASE INCLUDES COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN'S AMENDMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THAT SAFE GUARDS RESIDENTS WHO ARE RENTS AND UNTIL UNIFIED HOUSING IS PROVIDED WITH URGENCY FOR OUR RESIDENTS THROUGH AN ALTERNATE SOLUTION WE URGE THE MAYOR TO USE HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO DECLARE AN IMMEDIATE MODERATE MORATORIUM FOR THOSE ON THE MINATOYA LIST -- YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND RIGHT THE WRONG DONE YEARS AGO AND PLEASE PASS THIS THROUGH SO YOU FOLKS CAN START CALLING THESE OWNERS, ASKING THEM TO CONVERT AND YOU CAN PUT MESSAGING OUT. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND WE AS LAHAINA STRONG ARE ABOUT TO START CALLING OUR OWN LAHAINA STRONG PHONE BANK AND TALK TO THE OWNERS TO SEE IF THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE THE SWITCH AND GATHER DATA FOR YOU AND LASTLY, I ASK YOU TO LOOK AROUND THE ROOM, LET'S POINT OUT THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE TESTIFYING RIGHT NOW ARE LOCALS.

WHERE ARE THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS, MOST ARE THEM FROM THE MAINLAND, GOING ABOUT THEIR LIVES, GETTING READY FOR HOLIDAYS SLEEPING IN THE COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOMES WHILE THEIR KIDS ARE GOING SCHOOL AND SAFE CONDITIONS. MAHALO. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS? >> [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES] >> HI, I'M COLLEEN MEDEIROS, I MAY BE THE ONLY SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNER HERE THAT SHOWED UP, DEFINITELY NOT A POPULAR PLACE TO BE TODAY. BUT I ALSO, YOU KNOW, AM PROBABLY THE 20% THAT DOES LIVE HERE, AND YOU KNOW IS NOT A MAINLAND OWNER. YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT BILL 131 ABSOLUTELY. I WISH IT HAD HAPPENED SOONER.

I WAS READY TO PIVOT A FEW MONTHS AGO AND JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO IT. BUT IF I COULD JUST SAY ONE THING, I VERY MUCH SYMPATHIZE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. IT'S BEEN VERY HARD FOR EVERYBODY, FOR EVERYBODY. I HAVE LOTS OF FAMILY IN LAHAINA. BUT IF YOU COULD JUST PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT NOT EVERY OWNER IS THE SAME AND NOT EVERY OWNER HAS THE SAME FINANCIAL RESOURCES AS THE NEXT GUY. AND I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF HERE, BUT THIS TAX INCENTIVE WILL DEFINITELY HELP, COUPLED WITH WHAT THE GOVERNOR PUT OUT THE OTHER DAY. YOU KNOW, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I WOULD NEED BOTH THESE THINGS IN COMBINATION IN ORDER TO SHIFT.

AND WITHOUT IT, YOU KNOW, I CAN'T REALLY SHIFT, BECAUSE IF THE BILLS DON'T GET PAID AT MY PROPERTY, I WIND UP SELLING IT, WHICH I HAVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED, BECAUSE OF EVERYTHING GOING ON. SO JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT NOT EVERY OWNER'S SITUATION IS DIFFERENT, NOT EVERYBODY IS JUST UBER WEALTHY AND CAN FLOAT LOSSES. THAT IS JUST NOT THE SITUATION FOR EVERYBODY. I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT EVERYBODY WHO CAN HELP IS TRYING TO HELP. PERSONALLY, I FOUND IT REALLY HARD TRYING TO NAVIGATE ALL THE DIFFERENT -- I WAS TRYING TO WORK WITH THREE DIFFERENT FAMILIES TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK FOR THEM TO MOVE INTO MY HOUSE? IT WAS SO DIFFICULT. THEY COULDN'T FIGURE OUT THE FUNDING, YOU KNOW?

THEY GOT A RED CROSS NUMBER, BUT THEY DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR THIS, AND THEY'RE RENTERS, AND I WAS TRYING TO DO WHAT I COULD, AND IT WAS REALLY CUMBERSOME, AND WE DIDN'T GET ANYWHERE. I COULDN'T -- WE COULDN'T DO IT. SO NOW THIS IS HAPPENING AND THE GOVERNOR PUT OUT SOME INFORMATION. SO I THINK -- YOU KNOW, I MADE A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT PHONE CALLS TO THESE AGENCIES AND NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT THE OTHER IS DOING. SO I REALLY DIDN'T GET THAT FAR EITHER, CALLING THE FIRE RELIEF PEOPLE, CALLING -- WHO ELSE DID I CALL? MY POINT IS THAT ALL THESE RESOURCES TO HELP SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS PIVOT TO LONG-TERM NEEDS TO BE STREAMLINED FOR BOTH OWNERS AND TENANTS. >> THANK YOU, CAN YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE?

>> OKAY. SO I SUPPORT THE BILL. PLEASE SOME HOW CENTRALIZE THE SOURCES FOR BOTH THE OWNERS AND POTENTIAL TENANTS, BECAUSE I HAVE STRUGGLED TO MAKE THINGS ALIGN, BECAUSE -- THANK YOU. >> WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU FROM MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. MEDEIROS.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD -- I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. THE FIRST ONE, CAN YOU CLARIFY SPECIFICALLY THE GOVERNOR'S HELP THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO? >> WELL, IT'S BASICALLY JUST BEEN THESE ARTICLES HE HAS PUT OUT, WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO, YOU KNOW, OFFER THESE HIGHER AMOUNTS TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. THE SECOND

QUESTION I HAD WAS IF YOU HAD BEEN IN -- IF YOU HAD REACHED OUT TO FEMA'S DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM? BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR MORE THAN THEIR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.\r\n\r\n>> THAT IS THE ALPHA CHARLIE SOMETHING OR OTHER RIGHT? ? SHOOT, ALL I HAVE HEARD IT'S THE DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM. AND THAT NUMBER SHOULD BE ON MAUIRECOVERS.ORG. >> I THINK THE ARM OF FEMA, THE LEASING ARM CALLED ALPHA CHARLIE SOMETHING AND I DID TALK TO THEM. I AM PROBABLY GOING TO TALK TO THEM MORE, BUT ANOTHER PART OF MY SITUATION IS I WANT TO OFFER IT TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS FIRST. AND A LOT OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, THEY JUST PUT YOU WITH SOMEONE, THEY'LL JUST -- THEY'LL MAKE THE MATCH; RIGHT? AND I CAN'T -- I WANT TO OFFER IT TO MY FAMILY FIRST.\r\n\r\nAND SO TRYING -- YOU KNOW, HERE IS ANOTHER THING, LIKE, I THINK PHONE CALLS TO EVERY OWNER, LIKE, LITERALLY GOING DOWN THE LIST, AND KIND OF MAKING INDIVIDUAL DEALS MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE PRODUCTIVE. >> AND MY LAST QUESTION WAS WHAT WAS THE SITUATION A FEW MONTHS AGO VERSUS THE SITUATION TODAY WHY YOU COULDN'T -- WHY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER A FEW MONTHS AGO TO PIVOT? >> WELL, BECAUSE I MEAN NO. 1 I WAS ALREADY HOUSING PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, THE SITUATION WAS WHAT IT WAS, YOU KNOW? SO I HAD -- I ALREADY WAS HOUSING PEOPLE, AND THEN ANOTHER FAMILY CAME TO ME AND I SAID OKAY, WELL LET ME SEE -- YOU KNOW, I TRIED TO FIGURE STUFF OUT. I GUESS THAT WAS JUST A TIME, I MEAN, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEN AND NOW IS THERE'S MORE SUPPORT BEING OFFERED.\r\n\r\nIT SEEMS LIKE NOW, OKAY, WITH THIS BILL, THIS IS ANOTHER -- THIS IS A BIG AMOUNT OF SUPPORT BEING OFFERED. THEN WHAT THE GOVERNOR PUT OUT LAST WEEK, THERE'S ANOTHER MORE SUPPORT. UP UNTIL NOW, THE SUPPORT, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND OTHER SUPPORT THERE WAS NONE FOR -- THERE WAS DEFINITELY NONE FOR US AS OWNERS, AND THE PEOPLE, AND THE FAMILIES I WAS WORKING WITH WERE HAVING A VERY HARD TIME NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM TO GET SUPPORT. >> OKAY. I UNDERSTAND. I WILL TRY TO GIVE YOUR INFORMATION TO KUHIO LEWIS AND MAYBE HE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT. >> WE KNEW YOU SERVED A VERY GOOD PURPOSE, MR.\r\n\r\nLEWIS. THANK YOU. NO MORE QUESTIONS, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> ROBIN KNOX, FOLLOWED BY COURTNEY LES NO. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR LEE. GOOD MORNING COUNCIL MEMBERS. I SINCERELY MAHALO YOU FOR TAKING UP THIS BILL.\r\n\r\nIT'S SO CRUCIAL RIGHT NOW. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT IT REALLY MUST HAVE THE AMENDMENT TO PROTECT THE EXISTING LONG-TERM RENTAL POOL OF PEOPLE WHO EITHER ARE UNDER A LONG-TERM LEASE OR ON A MONTH TO MONTH SITUATION, AND A LONG-TERM RENTAL. IT MAY NOT BE APPARENT IN THE DATA THAT YOU HEAR AND THE TESTIMONY THAT YOU HEAR, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AS A PERSON ENGAGED IN ACTIVISM FOR HOUSING, AND ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRES, THE SECOND WAVE OF DISPLACEMENT BEGAN WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE FIRES, LOSING THEIR HOUSING WITH LANDLORDS RAISING THE RENT, NOT RENEWING LEASES BECAUSE THEY HOPED TO RAISE THE RENT, AND GET HIGHER MONEY FROM FEMA, OR PEOPLE THAT WERE DESPERATE FOR HOUSING BASICALLY. I WOULD EXPECT THAT WOULD GET MUCH WORSE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THAT AMENDMENT TO PROTECT THOSE LONG-TERM RENTALS. THE PEOPLE THAT I HAVE SEEN IMPACTED, MY ANECDOTAL DATA IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD THIS KIND OF DISRUPTION IN THEIR LIVES. SINGLE PARENTS. PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SOME KIND OF MEDICAL SITUATION, AND HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, OR TEMPORARILY REDUCED IN THE HOURS THAT THEY CAN WORK.\r\n\r\nTHESE ARE THE PEOPLE LOSING THEIR HOUSING. PEOPLE WITH PETS, AND WE KNOW EVEN BEFORE THE LAHAINA FIRES THAT THOSE SITUATIONS ARE THE ONES THAT MAKE PEOPLE HOUSELESS. SO YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO FIGURE THIS OUT HOW TO OFFER INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE PETS, HOW TO PROTECT THOSE PEOPLE UNDER LONG-TERM LEASES? AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH IS THAT THOSE IMPACTS FROM THE FIRES ARE SO FAR-REACHING IN OUR COMMUNITY AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER MY EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN DESTABILIZED BY THE SECOND WAVE OF HOUSING DISPLACEMENT. WHEN YOUR EMPLOYEES DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE, THEY CANNOT SHOW UP AND EVEN IF THEY SHOW UP, THEY CAN'T DO THEIR JOBS PROPERLY BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER SO MUCH DISTRESS. SO PLEASE DO PASS THIS BILL WITH THE AMENDMENT TO PROTECT LONG-TERM PROPERTIES, AND THEIR TENANTS. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS COURTNEY LOZA, FOLLOWED BY

KIHEI HANO HANO. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. MY NAME IS COURTNEY LAZO AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. I'M ONE OF THOSE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY THE FIRE. MY FAMILY LOST EVERYTHING.\r\n\r\nI'M ALSO ONE OF THE GENERATION FAMILIES OF LAHAINA WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILIES PRICED OUT OF OUR HOMETOWN WITH SHORT-TERM RENTALS TAKING OVER OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR COMMUNITIES. TO ASK OUR COMMUNITY GENERATIONAL FAMILIES OF NOT JUST LAHAINA, BUT OF MAUI TO HAVE SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR YOUR LOSS OF INCOME, AND LIVELIHOOD WITH YOUR SHORT-TERM RENTALS, AND WITH THE PHASE OUT OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASKING OUR COMMUNITY TO PUT DOWN WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US, NOT JUST SINCE THE FIRE, BUT YEARS AND YEARS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR COMMUNITY IS REACHING. PEOPLE WHO OPPOSED SHORT-TERM RENTALS BEING CONVERTED INTO LONG-TERM DO SO FROM SAFETY AND COMFORT OF THEIR FULLY INTACT HOMES, MOST OF WHICH AREN'T EVEN IN THE STATE. SHORT-TERM RENTALS CAN SAY THAT THEY LOVE MAUI. NO, THEY LOVE THE ALOHA SPIRIT THAT OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDES TO MAKE THIS PLACE FEEL SPECIAL FOR THEIR GUESTS AND THEN MAKE MONEY OFF OF US. THAT IS HOW THEY LOVE MAUI. THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE HOW WE LOVE MAUI, HOW WE LOVE OUR HOMETOWN.\r\n\r\nIT'S TIME TO GET THEM OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES, CREATE MORE HOUSING AND BACK OUR COMMUNITY WHO WERE PRICED OUT OF OWE COMMUNITY. YOU JUST HAVE TO CHOOSE, AND IT'S THE COMMUNITY. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. NO QUESTIONS. NEXT. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KIHEI HANO HANO FOLLOWED BY TOM BLACKBURN RODRIGUEZ >> ALOHA, MAI KAKOU.\r\n\r\nI DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN SAY WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IN THREE MINUTES, AND I'M A BIG CRYBABY AND I WILL DO MY BEST. MAHALO, MAHALO, FOR PUTTING YOUR BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS FOR YEARS TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE AND OUR RESOURCES AND OUR ABILITY TO STAY HOME HERE IN HAWAII. YOU HAVE SEEN ME MANY TIMES PRIOR TO THE FIRES TALKING ABOUT TAXES, LAND TAXES, AND TESTIFYING IN ALL OF THE WAYS TO PROTECT OUR HOUSING. PEOPLE BORN AND RAISED HERE, GENERATIONS, LEAVING THE ISLAND, ONE IN OREGON IN PARTICULAR AS I SPEAK, AFTER WOULD YEARS OF TRYING TO FIND A HOME WITH \$2700 A MONTH AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR A TWO-BEDROOM. EVEN BEFORE THE FIRES WE COULDN'T FIND THIS. THERE'S EVERYTHING THAT WAS SAID BEFORE ME AND KOKUA EVERYTHING THAT WAS SAID AND I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT ALL OF THOSE THINGS. I JUST WANT TO FOR REFERENCE, I HAVE BEEN WORKING SINCE DAY ONE, OPENING A HUB IN THE PACIFIC BIRTH COLLECTIVE. DOING SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS AND ALSO SET UP A HUB WITH THE HEALERS HUI, MAUI MEDICS AND HEALERS BOTH SERVICING UPCOUNTRY MAUI AND WEST MAUI AND WE KNOW WHAT THE NEEDS ARE.\r\n\r\nWE NEED HOUSING FIRST AND FOREMOST. WE HAVE BEEN GIVING EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE AND DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HALF OF IT COMES FROM, BUT WE HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING AND TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER AS FOLKS SAID, THAT IS HOW WE DO IT; RIGHT? I ALSO JUST WENT DURING THE, I DON'T KNOW, A MONTH-AND-A-HALF AGO I WENT TO THE U.N. UNITED NATIONS ON BEHALF I WAS REPRESENTING HAWAII WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN A NUTSHELL AND TO SPEAK TO THINGS THAT I LEARNED THERE THAT ARE COMING UP STRONG TO THINGS HERE, REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 6, THE RIGHT-TO-LIFE. THIS IS BIGGER THAN COUNTY. THIS IS BIGGER THAN STATE. THIS IS THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO ACTUALLY HAS DOCUMENTED PROCEDURES FOR THINGS LIKE THIS, EMERGENCY STATUS, WE HAVE THE RIGHT-TO-LIFE UNDER ARTICLE 6. ASK ARTICLE 6 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLICY RIGHTS RECOGNIZED AND PROTECTS THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR ALL HUMAN BEINGS, THE RIGHT TO LIFE SUPREME RIGHT THAT NO DEGRADATION IS PERMITTED, EVEN WITH SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICTS AND OTHER PUBLIC EMERGENCY HAS THREATEN LIFE. IT HAS CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE BOTH FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FOR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.\r\n\r\nIT'S MOST PRESSURE FOR ITS OWN SAKE AS A RIGHT THAT ADHERED TO EVERY HUMAN BEING, BUT ALSO CONSTITUENTS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF WHICH IS THE PREREQUISITE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE CONTENT OF WHICH CAN BE INFORMED BY OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS. I COULD GO ON AND ON, THE BOTTOM-LINE IS THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, HOUSING; WATER AND RESOURCES. FOOD. WE ARE ONLY ASKING FOR THESE BARE MINIMUM RIGHTS AND I DON'T CARE WHETHER IT COMES FROM THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR DECADES IN OUR COMMUNITY ANYWAY. SORRY, NOT SORRY AND THOSE WHO GOT IT FIGURED OUT, BUT WE'RE ON THE GROUND FIGURING OUT EVERY DAY AND I HAVE BEEN CATCHING BABIES

AND SAVING PEOPLE FROM SUICIDES AND I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU THE TRAUMA THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE ENDURING. SO I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR POCKETBOOK, YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT AND I'M SORRY I'M SO UPSET, BUT THIS IS REAL. MEM ARE ON THE STREETS AND OTHER RIGHT-TO-LIFE PEOPLE WILL GET CRIMINALIZED BECAUSE THEY ARE HOUSELESS, THAT IS WHAT IS COMING Y'ALL.

>> CAN YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME MY TIME. >> OF COURSE. >> MAHALO. >> NO QUESTIONS. MAHALO.

>> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TOM BLACKBURN-RODRIGUEZ, FOLLOWED BY STEPHANIE SMYTHE. >> CHAIR, MAY I START? >> YES. >> THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME, CHAIR? >> YES. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

I WANT TO THANK THIS EXCELLENT FIRST STEP IN TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE MAUI WILDFIRES. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT BILL 131. I JUST HAVE A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL, AND WITH THE MAYOR. NO. 1, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT LANGUAGE BE PUT IN ANY LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF DISABLED PEOPLE. THERE'S NOTHING IN THE BILL THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE DISABLED HAVE ACCESS TO THE HOUSING AND I THINK IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM HERE ON MAUI RIGHT NOW, AND COULD BECOME MORE SERIOUS LATER ON. SECONDLY, ANY FORMULA THAT IS DETERMINED IN TERMS OF RENTS, AND FACTORED IN FOR SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE RENT AS OF AUGUST 6TH. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE RAISING THEIR RENTS, THEY'RE TRYING TO GET READY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

SO I WOULD SAY IF THERE'S SOME WAY TO CAP THE RENT FACTOR AS OF AUGUST 6TH, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT. AND ALSO, I WOULD SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN'S EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN LONG-TERM RENTALS NOW ARE NOT EVICTED SO THAT LANDLORDS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY TAX BENEFITS THAT MIGHT OCCUR TO THEM. AND I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TO A SECOND STEP, EVEN FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, MAYBE NOT BROUGHT TO THE FULL COUNCIL, BUT IN ORDER TO HAVE A FULL PICTURE OF WHAT COULD OCCUR UNDER THIS LEGISLATION. AND FINALLY, THE REAL SOLUTION IS TO BUILD MORE HOMES ON MAUI. THIS HAS BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT, LIKE A TSUNAMI, WHEN IT PULLS BACK YOU SEE THE ROCKS YOU NEVER SAW BEFORE OR YOU COULD IGNORE. WE MUST MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT IN ORDER TO BUILD MORE HOUSING ON MAUI. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNCIL, AND THE MAYOR TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO PLEASE CONSIDER MY COMMENTS AS WELL.

THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. HAPPY HOLIDAYS. >> THANK YOU, TOM. ANY QUESTIONS? MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER -- >> WE'LL TAKE ONE LAST ONE BEFORE OUR LUNCH BREAK. >> THE LAST TESTIFIER PRIOR TO LUNCH IS STEPHANIE SMYTHE. MS. SMYTHE, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY >> ALOHA EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LAHAINA AND WHERE I RAISED MY CHILDREN. UNFORTUNATELY NOW WE'RE ALL SPLIT APART.

WE'RE NOT TOGETHER. FOR -- I GUESS I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND IT'S A GOOD START. LIKE IT WAS SAID, A LOT NEEDS TO BE -- MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS THEY NEED TO GO. THEY REALLY DO. THEY ARE SUCKING UP ALL THE HOUSES THAT WE SHOULD GET. I LIVE IN A HOTEL ROOM NOW, DON'T HAVE A KITCHEN.

I'M GRATEFUL TO MY EMPLOYER, SHOUT-OUT TO THE KOBAYASHI GROUP IN HIGH GATE AT ROYAL LAHAINA. THEY HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE ASSOCIATES AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE OF LAHAINA AND OUR COMMUNITY. AND IF ONLY MORE OWNERS WOULD BE LIKE THEM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE HERE. WE REALLY WOULDN'T. WE HAVE OUR CHILDREN TO THINK OF. IT'S CHRISTMAS FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, AND THE WESTIN -- THAT IS REALLY CRUEL TO PUSH THEM -- THE FAMILIES OUT OVER THE HOLIDAYS. YOU KNOW? THAT SHOULD NOT BE DONE.

IF THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS THAT ARE HESITANT TO RENT TO THE FIRE SURVIVORS OF LAHAINA, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SCREEN THEM. YOU ARE GOING TO GET TALK TO THEM. YOU ARE GOING TO GET TO TAKE THEIR JOB HISTORY AND EVERYTHING ELSE. SO THERE SHOULD BE NO FEAR TO RENT TO US . FEMA, FEMA, I THINK, THEY HURT MORE THAN THEY ARE HELPING, REALLY. THEY BORDERLINE HARASS YOU. THEY TOLD ME YOU DON'T QUALIFY BECAUSE YOU OWN A HOME AND YOU GOT TO EXHAUST YOUR LOSS OF USE. BUT THEY ARE GOING TO TEAM UP WITH AN INDIVIDUAL TO RENT TO ME, AND THOSE TWO PEOPLE THEY PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER, AND THEY DETERMINE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO JACK UP THE

RENT.\r\n\r\nWHERE IS THE WISDOM IN THAT? I KNOW FAMILIES THAT ARE PAYING \$11,000 A MONTH FOR A HOME. BEFORE THE FIRE, IT WASN'T GOING FOR THAT MUCH. SO THEY WANT US TO EXHAUST ALL OF OUR LOSS OF USE, AND THEN THEY ARE GOING TO DIG OUT, AND THEN WHERE ARE WE GOING TO BE AGAIN? IT'S REALLY -- IT'S REALLY NOT FAIR ALL THE WAY AROUND. BUT I HEARD SOMEBODY'S BEEP. SO THE LAST THING I DO WANT TO SAY AND I SAY IT WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, LAHAINA FIRE SURVIVORS OUR HOMES WILL BE BUILT WITH BALANCE, OKAY?

\r\n\r\nWE'RE GOING TO REMEMBER EVERYBODY THAT WAS HERE THAT VOTED IN FAVOR OR NOT IN FAVOR TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS NOTHING MORE THAN A BUZZWORD. YOU SAY THAT WHEN IT'S ELECTION TIME, AND THEN YOU TAKE IT AND PUT IT IN YOUR BACK POCKET AND YOU GO RIGHT THROUGH YOUR TERM, AND THEN YOU STAND UP AND YOU SAY IT AGAIN. WELL, I THINK WE'RE ALL GOING TO REMEMBER NOW. WE'VE LEARNED OUR LESSON. IF WE KEEP VOTING THE SAME, WE'RE GOING TO GET THE SAME RESPONSE. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A QUESTION. MEMBER PALTIN HAS A QUESTION. >> I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY ABOUT ROYAL LAHAINA? >> YOU CAN'T BOOK A ROOM UNTIL DECEMBER 2024. AND THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO HELPING US WE GET THREE MEALS A DAY, PONY RIDES FOR THE KIDS, MOVIE NIGHTS OUTDOORS, THE POOLS HAVE NEVER BEEN CLOSED WITH FACE-PAINTING AND COOKIE DECORATIONS. THEY'RE AMAZING. AMAZING.\r\n\r\n>> HAVE THEY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COUNTY ABOUT CORRECTING THE TAXES FOR THEM IF THEY ARE COMMITTED THROUGH THE WHOLE YEAR? >> THAT IS KIND OF ABOVE MY PAY GRADE. SO I DON'T KNOW. THAT I DON'T KNOW. >> OKAY. BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THIS- WE COULD DO ANOTHER BILL, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS BILL APPLIES TO HOTELS. >> YOU NEED TO TALK TO THEM.\r\n\r\nBUT THEY'RE REALLY, REALLY GOOD. >> OKAY. >> REWARD THEM. REWARD THE ONES THAT HELP. >> I HAVE A QUESTION. MS. SMYTHE, I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.\r\n\r\nMY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ROYAL LAHAINA COMMITTED, IS IT 400 ROOMS? IS THAT WHAT YOU FOLKS HAVE 400 ROOMS? >> ROUNDABOUT. A LITTLE MORE THAN 400, JUST SHY OF 500. >> OKAY. I HEARD THAT THEY HAD COMMITTED OVER 400, BUT I WASN'T SURE HOW MANY. AND THEN THE OTHER HOTEL, I HEARD COMMITTED ROOMS ALSO WAS KA'ANAPALI BEACH. HAVE YOU HEARD THAT ONE?\r\n\r\n>> I HAVE NOT HEARD OF THAT. >> ANOTHER 400 OR SO. THANK YOU. >> YOU'RE WELCOME. >> MEMBERS, HOW LONG DO YOU WANT THIS LUNCH BREAK TO BE? ONE HOUR? ONE HOUR.\r\n\r\nLET'S RETURN AT 1:00. THIS MEETING IS IN RECESS. [GAVEL] [GAVEL] >> WILL THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5TH, 2023 PLEASE RECONVENE. THANK YOU, MEMBERS, FOR COMING BACK, NOT TOO LATE. ONLY 13 MINUTES TODAY. BUT ANYWAY, I DO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE. WE'RE GOING TO BE LOSING MEMBER JOHNSON AT 2:00. AND AND DID ONE OF YOU SEND ME A TEXT ABOUT LEAVING AT 1:30? OH, OKAY. I GOT A TEXT FROM MAYBE IT WAS TASHA.\r\n\r\nBUT TASHA IS ILL, MEMBER KAMA IS ILL. SO WE DON'T HAVE HER TODAY. WE HAVE MEMBER JOHNSON LEAVING AT 2:00, MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE, BECAUSE SHE IS IN UTAH. SO THAT LEAVES SIX OF US. SIX OF US, BUT ONLY UP UNTIL 2:00. THEN THERE WILL BE FIVE OF US. SO I'M ASKING THOSE WHO HAVEN'T TESTIFIED YET, IF THEY DON'T MIND, EVERYBODY'S TESTIMONY IS IMPORTANT. BUT IF YOU ARE JUST GOING TO REPEAT WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID, MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THE TESTIMONY THAT LONG.\r\n\r\nBUT IF IT'S SOMETHING NEW, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, YOU NEED TO SAY IT. I'M JUST SAYING THIS, NOT BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU BUT BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS TO VOTE ON THIS. SO THAT IS THE REASON WHY. SO WE WILL CONTINUE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN WITH THE TESTIFIERS. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS MIKE, FOLLOWED BY MISTY COTTER. MIKE IS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY. YOUR OPPORTUNITY, MIKE.\r\n\r\n>> CALL AGAIN. >> YOU ARE UNMUTED ON OUR SIDE, MIKE . MOVING ON TO OUR NEXT TESTIFIER, MISTY COTTER. >> ALOHA, MY NAME IS MISTY COTTER, BORN AND RAISED ON MAUI AND SPENT MY LIVE IN LAHAINA WITH MY 'OHANA AND COMMUNITY. I LOST MY HOME, MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ALL LOST THEIR HOMES AND MY SIBLINGS ARE IN HAIKU AND MY FATHER HASN'T SECURED HOUSING BECAUSE OF HIS MORTGAGE. MY NIECE HAD TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS TWICE AND MOVE AWAY FROM HER FRIENDS AS MY SISTER TRIES TO NAVIGATE A STABLE FUTURE FOR HER. MY FATHER AND BROTHER ARE HEART BROKEN AND FIGHTING DAILY TO FIND SOME SEMBLANCE OF NORMALCY, WHILE THEY TRY TO KEEP THEIR BUSINESS AFLOAT. IT TOOK FOUR MONTHS FOR ME TO GET CONTINUED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

FROM FEMA AND IT'S A FULL-TIME JOB TO JUMP THROUGH HOOPS REQUIRED.\r\n\r\nMY SIBLINGS HAVEN'T GOTTEN HELP FROM FEMA YET, NEITHER HAS MY FATHER AND I KNOW FRIENDS WHO APPLIED UP TO SEVEN TIMES TRYING TO GET HELP FROM FEMA. I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL, THOUGH I PERSONALLY BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT A TOTAL BAN ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND LET THE TOURISTS STAY IN HOTELS THAT GOBBLE UP SO MUCH RESOURCES AS IT IS. I HAVE TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD AND SEEN FIRSHTHAND THE DEVASTATION THAT SHORT-TERM RENTALS HAVE ON TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND THEIR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS. I HAVE WATCHED RENTS SKY ROCKET AND HOUSING OPTIONS DWINDLE AND CURRENTLY WATCHING FAMILIES THAT ARE DISPLACED IN HOTELS UNABLE TO COOK FOR THEIR FAMILIES. [INAUDIBLE] FORCED OUT OF YOUR HOME AND HOMETOWN FOR YEARS, PRICED OUT SO SHORT-TERM RENTALS CAN BE IN LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR COMMUNITY WHO WORKS ON THE WEST SIDE DESERVES TO BE ABLE TO LIVE ON THE WEST SIDE. I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND MAUI ESPECIALLY THE WEST SIDE MAKES A GOOD CHUNK OF THEIR REVENUE FROM TOURISM.\r\n\r\nI HAVE SERVED TOURISTS OVER HALF MY LIFE, BUT WHAT I WANT TO SAY TO THE PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE THIS BILL, WITHOUT US, WHO WILL SERVE AND FEED YOUR TOURISTS YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A LOSS OF INCOME. WE HAVE LOST OUR TOWN, HOME, INCOME SENSE OF SECURITY AND YOU HAVE NOT ONE, BUT TWO, THREE, FOUR HOMES HERE. TO THE TOURISTS ASKING WHERE IS YOUR ALOHA, IT'S BEEN PRICED OUT AND MOVED AWAY WITH THE REST OF OUR COMMUNITY. I'M NOT CALLING SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS EVIL, BUT I'M IS A IG PRIORITIZING PROFITS OVER PEOPLE IS AN EVIL ACTION. I HAVE A HARD TIME HAVING SYMPATHY FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS STRUGGLING TO NAVIGATE THIS BILL WHEN SO MANY OF US DON'T HAVE A HOME, LET'S ALONG MULTIPLE. WE DESERVE TO LIVE IN OUR HOMES. WE NEED TO STOP PUTTING TOURISTS OVER COMMUNITIES, STOP PUTTING PROFITS OVER PEOPLE.\r\n\r\nLAHAINA WILL NOT BE LAHAINA WITHOUT ITS BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY. MAHALO. >> GOOD TIMING. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER. [INAUDIBLE] >> WE CAN HEAR CAROL. >> OOPS.\r\n\r\n>> YOUR MIC IS OPEN, CAROL. WE'RE IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE THE MAYOR AND THE GOVERNOR WANTS TO OPEN UP LAHAINA WHEN WE WEREN'T READY. LONG-TERM TEMPORARY HOUSING NOT EVEN SET UP. SO YOU ARE KIND OF LATE ON IT, BUT AT LEAST IT'S GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AS EVERYONE WAS SAYING TODAY. WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS TWO MONTHS AGO, AND THEN THINK ABOUT RE-OPENING TO THE TOURISTS. WE, LIKE MY NEIGHBOR DOWN KA'ANAPALI FISHING FOR HOUSING SAID EARLIER, ALL THIS STUFF IS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD. SO LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN HERE IN LAHAINA, ESPECIALLY, ALL THE MAUI, THE WHOLE HAWAII, BUT YES, [INAUDIBLE] >> THE MACHINE, DO WE NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER?\r\n\r\nWHERE IS BRUCE? >> MEMBER SINENCI IS INDICATING THAT HE CAN HEAR AGAIN AND MR. NAKOA IS SPEAKING PERFECT VOLUME. >> OKAY. >> SO NO TALK LOUD. OKAY. I GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE THE HECK I WAS?\r\n\r\nSO AGAIN, IW WAS IN SUPPORT, ON IF THERE WAS LONG-TERM TEMPORARY HOUSING AND CHILD AND ADULT CARE, BUT WE HAVE NO MORE OF THAT. WE HAVE NONE OF THAT. SO LOOK LIKE BISSEN -- NO JOKE -- >> THREE MINUTES. >> BISSEN [SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD] AND IT SEEMS LIKE TOURISTS BEFORE LOCALS. YEAH? EVERY DAY WE HEAR THEM. SO REMEMBER I TOLD YOU ABOUT MY MEETING I'M TRYING TO SCHEDULE.\r\n\r\nMAYBE WE GOT TO GET FEMA OR RED CROSS, THE MAYOR, THE GOVERNOR, AND LAHAINA STRONG TO SIT AT THE TABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT, BECAUSE EARLIER, YOU HEARD ONE OF THE TESTIFIERS SAID WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR OWN SURVEY AND CALL UP THESE STRS OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THEM. SO WE, HEY YOU ALL SAID THIS IN THE BEGINNING, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN. GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED. ZERO SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. WE'RE DRIVEN, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING CRAZY. WE SAID IT OVER HERE RIGHT NOW. SO ALL I'M GOING TO SAY IS WE'RE DRIVEN, WHERE IS THE SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT?\r\n\r\nCOME TALK STORY WITH US, KA'ANAPALI, COME, COME SIT DOWN, TOMORROW, SYLVIA LUKE IS COMING OVER HERE TO MAUI. I ASKED HER ABOUT HOW WE CAN GET THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOING -- TEMPORARY HOUSING GOING? FEMA SAID THEY WOULD FUND US. OKAY? THEY SAID THAT YOU WANTED TO TAKE FULL HOLD OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM HERE IN LAHAINA. SO THAT IS WHY I'M ASKING FOR ALL OF US WHO SIT AROUND THE TABLE, SO YOU CAN STOP POINTING FINGERS AT EACH OTHER. WE'RE TIRED ALREADY.\r\n\r\nYOU HEARD THEM ALL DAY. OKAY? EVERY TIME I CALL YOUR OFFICE, YOU ARE IN A MEETING, MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING. NOTHING IS HAPPENING. ACTUALLY

NO-SHOW NOTHING. >> THANK YOU, JUNYA. >> SO PLEASE LISTEN TO US, PLEASE.\r\n\r\nGIVE US A CHANCE. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR WE'RE GOING BACK TO RICHIE PALALAY, FOLLOWED BY THE PERSON CALLING IN WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 7715. >> MR. PALALAY, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.\r\n\r\n>> HOW MANY MORE AFTER THAT? >> HELLO? >> WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 66, BUT WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF DROP-OFFS. SO APPROXIMATELY 15. >> MR. PALALAY, YOU CAN PROCEED WITH YOUR TESTIMONY. >> LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ONE. >> COMPARE THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CALLING IN WITH LAST FOUR DIGITS 7715. >> MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ACTION TODAY, IF POSSIBLE.\r\n\r\nBECAUSE THERE'S A DEADLINE INVOLVED. SO THAT IS WHY I'M KIND OF RUSHING EVERYBODY. >> CHAIR, WE CAN MOVE ON TO DEE KIMBALL. >> ALOHA COUNCIL MEN AND WOMEN, CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> MAYOR BISSEN, HELLO, LAHAINA MEMBERS. >> MAYOR BISSEN?\r\n\r\n>> MY NAME IS KA HANI AND MY WIFE AND I ARE OWNERS OF A SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL, ONE UNIT IN MAUI ON THE WEST SIDE AND WE WERE THERE WHEN THE FIRES HAPPENED. OUR HEARTS WERE BROKEN. WE HAVE BEEN COMING TO MAUI AS OFTEN AS I CAN REMEMBER, I THINK MY FIRST VISIT AS A TEENAGER IN 1986, AND WE JUST LOVE MAUI AND THE PEOPLE. IT WAS CRAZY TO BE THERE DURING THE FIRES, AND WITNESS EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, BUT ALSO THE AMAZING OUTREACH FROM EVERYBODY WHO WAS THERE, HELPING EACH OTHER WITH THAT ALOHA SPIRIT, AND IT'S JUST AMAZING TO WATCH AND BE PART OF IT. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY, NO. 1, WE DID NOT LOSE OUR HOME. WE WERE BLESSED FOR THAT.\r\n\r\nBUT WE WERE AFFECTED IN OTHER WAYS. BUT NOT NEARLY TO THE EXTENT THAT SO MANY OTHERS WERE. SO ALL WE COULD DO WAS HELP. ALL WE CAN DO WAS GIVE WHAT WE HAD AND WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT NONSTOP SINCE THIS HAPPENED. WE HAVE TRIED TO -- WE HAVE DONATED OUR OWN MONEY, WE HAVE DONATED OUR UNIT SPACE. WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE RULES, AND VACATED THE ISLAND, BECAUSE WE WERE NOT RESIDENT THERE. WE JUST LIVE THERE HALF THE YEAR.\r\n\r\nWE ACTUALLY LIVE ON THE MAINLAND, BUT OUR HEART IS THERE WITH YOU AND IT REMAINS THERE. WHEN WE COME BACK TO THE MAINLAND, WE RALLIED OUR CHURCHES AND OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS TO HELP DONATE TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE THAT BE KNEW. WE DO TWO BUSINESSES TO THE GO FUND MESS TO THE FAMILIES THAT WE KNEW AND THE ONES THAT WE MET. AND IT STILL NEEDS SO MUCH MORE WORK, SO MANY MORE YEARS IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO FIX THIS. I KNOW THAT AS AN STR OWNER OF A SINGLE UNIT, I'M NOT THE MOST POPULAR PERSON IN THE ROOM, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS, THERE'S SO MANY OTHER OWNERS OUT HERE, LIKE ME, WHO WANT TO HELP, AND JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP THE BEST WAY. IT'S NOT JUST SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL OWNERS, BUT ALL OWNERS THAT I KNOW, WHO WANT TO HELP, AND THEY ARE HELPING IN WAYS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN SEE. BUT WE WANT TO DO MORE, AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW IN SOME CASES.\r\n\r\nI HAVE SOME IDEAS, AND I JUST LIKE TO PRESENT THAT TO THE COUNCIL HERE. >> THREE MINUTES. >> IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CONCLUDE IN 30 SECONDS? >> I WILL DO THAT. ONE IS WE DON'T KNOW -- WE HAVE EXISTING BOOKINGS WITH STVR AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO -- WE HAVE TO -- I GUESS, HONOR THAT OR BREAK OUR COMMITMENTS AND I DON'T KNOW IF LEGALLY WE CAN DO THAT? WE HAVE PROPERTY MANAGERS ON-ISLAND AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS CAN, UNLESS WE CAN KNOCK ALL OF OUR CLIENTS OFF THAT HAVE ALREADY BOOKED, THAT IS ONE STEP. SO WE NEED HELP WITH THAT.\r\n\r\nWE ALSO NEED TO HAVE OUTREACH TO THE OWNERS. I'M A MEMBER OF MAUINOW.COM, AND I GO THERE ALL THE TIME TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. I CALL MY FRIENDS, MY FAMILY, ANYBODY I CAN TALK TO ON THE ISLAND TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. WE NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED. WHERE THEY CAN SEE WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM? WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON MAUINOW.COM OR SOMEWHERE WHERE THE PROPERTY OWNERS CAN SEE WHERE THEY CAN HELP? HOW THEY CAN HELP?\r\n\r\nBECAUSE WE'RE ACROSS ON THE MAINLAND. WE CAN'T SEE AND HEAR EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON, BUT WE WANT TO HELP AND WE ARE HELPING WHERE WE FIND THAT THERE'S A NEED. SO PLEASE HELP US HELP. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO JOIN A COMMITTEE, IF THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, SO THAT WE CAN SHARE IDEAS FROM OWNERS TO THE COMMITTEE. HAPPY TO HELP. I WILL CONCLUDE WITH THAT. >> COULD YOU PUT YOUR EMAIL IN THE CHAT AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU.\r\n\r\n>> YES. I WILL HAPPILY DO THAT. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBER PALTIN? >> I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY, ARE YOU IN SUPPORT

OF THE BILL? OR AGAINST THE BILL? OR JUST COMMENTS? >> I AM IN SUPPORT OF MOST OF THE ASPECTS OF THE BILL.\r\n\r\nI'M IN SUPPORT OF HELPING THE COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, BUT I'M ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION. I DON'T BELIEVE -- I LIKE THE CARROTS IDEA. I'M NOT SO SURE HOW THE STICK WILL WORK THE WAY IT'S PUT TOGETHER? ESPECIALLY SINCE SO MANY OWNERS AREN'T AWARE OF HOW THEY CAN HELP AND HOW THEY CAN BREAK THEIR COMMITMENTS TO EXISTING SHORT-TERM RENTAL BOOKINGS THAT ARE ALREADY ON THEIR CALENDAR THAT DON'T ALLOW THEM TO PARTICIPATE, UNLESS THAT CAN BE LEGALLY BROKEN? THERE'S SO MANY QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE, AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO PENALIZE JUST A PORTION OF HOMEOWNERS, AND NOT EVERYBODY WHO HAS A HOME, I JUST DON'T SEE HOW, WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO HELP ALREADY? MY COSTS JUST TO HOLD THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL IS OVER \$3,000 A MONTH JUST FOR PROPERTY TAXES, AND AOA. AND I HAVE GOT TO PAY FOR THIS SOMEHOW, BUT I ALSO WANT TO GIVE WHERE WE CAN.\r\n\r\nSO I'M HERE TO HELP WHATEVER WE CAN DO, WE WILL HELP. >> THANK YOU. I JUST PUT A WEBSITE IN THE CHAT FOR YOU. MAUIHALEMATCH.ORG. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\nMAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER, PLEASE. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS MRS. PADGET, FOLLOWED BY JOHAN LALL. >> HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JUST HERE, I THINK, MY SENSE OF THE BILL IS OKAY. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF CONSIDERATIONS THAT STILL HAVE NOT BEEN DONE. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANYONE HAS SPOKEN WITH PAUL BRUBAKER, THE ECONOMICS PERSON FOR HAWAII, THE MOST LEADING PERSON THAT YOU COULD ASK.\r\n\r\nHE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF WHAT OUR COUNTY IS DOING. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REACHED OUT TO? >> EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE ME? COULD YOU STATE AGAIN YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, AND WE'RE DISCUSSING BILL 131. >> I AM DISCUSSING THAT. >> OKAY. >> MY NAME IS MRS. PAGET.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU >> THANK YOU. >> SO THE BILL, I JUST DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE ON THIS ISLAND, OR EVEN IN THE STATE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SPOKEN TO THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS, WHICH IS VERY FEW IN THE WORLD. SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW ARE YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW - IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE PINNING THESE STVR OWNERS THAT LIVE HERE, SOME ARE HAWAIIANS AND NOT RICH PEOPLE AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU ARE PINNING THE SMALL PERSON AGAINST THE SMALL PERSON IN THIS BILL. THAT YOU ARE NOT LOOKING AT WHAT -- I JUST FEEL THAT IT'S WRONG, AND THAT YOU'RE -- WHO IS GOING TO WIN? THE HOTELS. IS THE HOTEL TAX GOING UP? WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS? \r\n\r\nTHAT IS WHO IS GOING TO WIN, THE BIG PHARMA, THE BIG BOYS, ALL THE LITTLE PEOPLE ARE JUST SITTING HERE. YOU CAN'T GET FEMA TO ANSWER AND FEMA CONTACTED THE COMPANY CALLED BIO CHAR, WHICH COULD CLEAN UP LAHAINA, THEY DROPPED THE BALL. THEY ARE NO LONGER CONTACTING THEM AND GETTING INFORMATION. BIOCHAR IS A LEADING CLEAN-UP COMPANY TO CLEAN UP LITHIUM AND IF THEY CAN CLEAN UP LITHIUM, THEY CAN DO THAT. WE'RE GOING ON THREE MONTHS, THERE'S PLENTY OF LANDS IN SOUTH MAUI AND IF I WAS IN CHARGE, THERE'S PLENTY OF MONEY. WHERE IS THE MONEY? WHERE IS THE COVID MONEY? \r\n\r\nWHERE IS THE MONEY GOING? YOU COULD PUT IN SEPTIC TANKS AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S 50 OF THEM, PUT IN GRAVEL ROADS AND PUT IN THE WATER AND PUT IN CONDUIT BOXES. I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANOTHER TELEPHONE POLE ON THIS ISLAND. NEUTRINA ENERGY, LASTS FOR YEARS, CLEAN, IT'S DISPENSABLE AND SMALL AND I DON'T -- THERE IS MUCH NOT BEING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. I WORRY ABOUT MYSELF AND MY SON WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE THAT HE HAD TO LEAVE, BUT I'M GLAD HE LEFT, BECAUSE HE NEEDS TO SEE THE WORLD AND HE NEEDS TO GROW. THEY WENT THROUGH COVID AND THAT WAS BAD, AND THEN WE WENT THROUGH OH, YOU GOT 30 MINUTES TO LIVE WITH THE SIREN. I MEAN, THERE'S BEEN A FALLACY, AND THIS IS ALL ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND ABOUT MANAGEMENT, AND WE'RE NOT BEING MANAGED PROPERLY.\r\n\r\nI DON'T WANT THE AIRPLANES OVER MY HEAD. I WANT WATER. I HAVE AN OCEAN OUT THERE, WHY ISN'T THERE PUMP STATIONS? THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER THERE TO FEED THE FIRE HYDRANTS. THINGS AREN'T BEING DISCUSSED IS ALL I'M SAYING. I THINK THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE VOTED ON TODAY. >> CAN YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE?\r\n\r\n>> I WILL. THE ONLY OTHER THING IS THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE JOBS HERE ARE THE GOVERNMENTS, THE UNIONS, AND THE MEDICAL. THAT IS IT. THE REST OF US ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT, GROW OUR FOOD AND OH, WE'RE ON WATER RESTRICTIONS, SO WE CAN'T DO THAT. I THINK THAT YOU GUYS AND I DON'T THINK ANOTHER REO HOUSE SHOULD BE

SOLD ON THIS ISLAND. IT SHOULD GO INTO A FUND AND GO FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE USING SOME OF THE MONEY TO BUY THE TWO-BEDROOM CONDOS IN KIHAI.
THE HOUSES WITH HOUSES AND COTTAGES. YOU BE THE LANDLORD. YOU HAVE ALL THESE HUD PEOPLE AND ALL THESE PEOPLE ON SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. WHY DOESN'T THE STATE OPEN UP THE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING ALL OVER AND SEE IF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WANT TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT COUNTY? YOU NEVER KNOW UNTIL YOU ASK. I DON'T THINK ANYONE ON ANY OF THOSE LISTS SHOULD GO ABOVE THE FIRE VICTIMS. THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU. >> NEXT TESTIFIER CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JOHAN LALL. >> THIS IS JOHAN LALL, TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF BILL 131, AND I THINK THE MAYOR DESERVES CREDIT FOR ACTUALLY TAKING A STEP TOWARDS HELPING PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED. IT'S KIND OF A COMMONSENSE THING. I GET PEOPLE HAVE USED THE TERM "CARROT." AND STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY TO REWARD PEOPLE THAT ARE HELPING. BUT I ALSO HEARD PEOPLE DISCUSS THE "STICK." SO I GUESS THE STICK WOULD BE THAT YOU CONTINUE PAYING THE TAX YOU ARE ALREADY PAYING OR MAYBE MORE? I'M NOT SURE, EITHER WAY, THAT IS 1.1% TAX.
AND IN THE MAINLAND, THE PROPERTY TAXES ARE A LOT HIGHER, EVEN FOR OWNER OCCUPIED. IN TEXAS IT'S 3%. IF YOU ARE AN STR OWNER IN TEXAS, YOU GET BACK THAT 1%, YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO CARE. SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE NEXT STEP BE TO ACTUALLY INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES PERMANENTLY ON STRHS, SO WE'RE NOT SUBSIDIZING SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN HAWAII, BUT TAXING THEM TO PAY ACTUALLY, AND IF THEY DON'T LIVE HERE, THEY DON'T PAY INCOME TAX AND THEY ALSO BENEFIT FROM SUPER LOW PROPERTY TAX. SO AGAIN, I SUPPORT THIS BILL. IT'S A SMALL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND THAT IS MY TESTIMONY. MAHALO.
>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NO QUESTIONS. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS EU HANI TOBAGO, FOLLOWED BY SPENCER HEADLEY. SHE MAY HAVE LEFT, CHAIR. WE'LL GO ON TO SPENCER HEADLEY, FOLLOWED BY THE PERSON CALLING IN WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 3348. >> WELL, YOU KNOW, WE WOULD LOVE TO TAKE A VOTE TODAY.
OKAY. >> SUPPORT. >> THANK YOU. CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CALLING IN ON THE LAST FOUR DIGITS ENDING IN 3348 TO BE FOLLOWED BY YO-YO HARI. IT LOOKS LIKE 3348 HAS DROPPED. WE'RE MOVING TO YO HARI, FOLLOWED BY SAMSON SOUZA. LOOKS LIKE YO-YO HARI HAS DROPPED.
MOVING TO SAMSON SOUZA, FOLLOWED BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS ENDING IN 2551. SAMSON SOUZA, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. MOVING ON TO THE CALLER WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 2551, FOLLOWED BY MICHIKO SMITH. MOVING ON TO MACHIKO SMITH. >> HELLO. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME? >> EXCUSE ME, WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
>> MY NAME IS SAMSON SOUZA. YOU PROBABLY SEEN ME ON THE NEWS MULTIPLE TIMES. >> IS HE ON THE LIST? >> YES. >> HE IS BEFORE THIS NEXT TESTIFIER? >> I WANTED TO SAY, TAX MAP KEYS, AND ALL FRAUDULENT PROPERTY OWNERS, YOU GUYS KNOW NOTHING. OUR PEOPLE OWN EVERYTHING.
YOU ARE RUNNING GAME WITH CORPORATE INTERESTS, WE DON'T LIKE THE CORPORATE INTERESTS. YOU GUYS ARE JUST THINKING ABOUT MONEY. ONLY FOR MONEY, YOU GOT TO START HOUSING ALL PEOPLE, OCCUPY THE HOTELS AND LET OUR PEOPLE LIVE AND LET YOU GUYS BUILD BACK HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BUILD THEM. AND YOU GUYS SHOULD BE THE ONES ACCOMMODATING EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHOSE HOUSE BURNED AND WHO LOST EVERYTHING. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ISSUE THEY ARE FACING, PEOPLE ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE. WE DON'T NEED THAT ANY MORE. ALL I SAY I LOVE YOU BUYS, YOU BETTER START CLEANING UP.
WE'LL SEE YOU GUYS ON THE OTHER SIDE. LOVE YOU GUYS. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS MICHIKO SMITH, FOLLOWED BY CINDY PROVOST. >> ALOHA, MY NAME IS MICHIKO SMITH. AS I DO SUPPORT THIS BILL, I DO FEEL THAT IT IS A SHORT-TERM FIX.
I REALLY WONDER HOW MANY FAMILIES WILL BE ACTUALLY BENEFITING FROM THIS? IT SEEMS LIKE A SHOT IN THE DARK, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE WILL PIVOT TO HELP US? WE HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT WILL GUARANTEE EVERY PERSON WHO LOST THEIR HOME HAS A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD AND THEIR NECESSITIES. I ASKED MY AUNTIE, WHO IS A BROKER IN CALIFORNIA TO HELP ME WITH THIS TESTIMONY AND SHE SIMPLY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT, IF THEY WANTED TO, THEY COULD. IF THEY WANTED TO HELP US, THEY COULD. HOW CAN NEW YORK CITY BE BUILDING TENT CITY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND OUR GOVERNMENT CAN'T EVEN START BUILDING FOR PEOPLE THAT LOST EVERYTHING? LEAST PUT SOMETHING OUT FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN, THE GOVERNMENT IS

RESPONSIBLE, AND YOU CAN PUT BOOTS ON THE GROUND TOMORROW.\r\n\r\nBUT WE ONLY -- WE ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE WORKING REALLY HARD TO SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. ONCE YOU HAVE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR OUR PEOPLE, WE NEED TO HAVE LOW INTEREST MORTGAGES TO REBUILD, AND SUBSIDIES TO HELP REBUILD AGAIN. PEOPLE CANNOT BE LIVING ON THE BEACH, BUT WE WILL UNTIL YOU PUT US FIRST. THANK YOU. >> NEXT. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CINDY PROVOST, FOLLOWED BY ANDREW TAYLOR. >> MS.\r\n\r\nPROVOST, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. >> NEXT. >> MOVING ON TO ANDREW TAYLOR, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RON SILIADO. >> HELLO, THIS IS ANDREW TAYLOR. CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nI AM GOING TO TRY AND BE VERY BRIEF, BECAUSE I NOT YOU HAVE GOT A LOT TO DO. I AM HONOR OF MAUI BANYAN AND VACATION RENTALS AND I DON'T HAVE THAT TO CHANGE REALLY. I'M RETIRED AND I HAVE DONE LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION IN DIFFERENT WAYS FOR HOUSES, ELECTRICAL, CARPENTRY, PLUMBING WHEN THEY LET ME DO IT. I VOLUNTEER ALL OVER THE ISLAND TO HELP BUILD HOUSES, I WAS TURNED DOWN. PLEASE, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME, AND THE THOUSANDS OF GUYS WHO WILL COME AND WORK FOR FREE AND BUILD HOUSES. I HAVE CREATED PLANS FOR THREE-UNIT HOUSING WITH PARKING UNDERNEATH. IT'S A CHEAP WAY TO BUILD UP HOUSES THAT YOU GUYS NEED.\r\n\r\nPLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME. THANK YOU. >> ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT TESTIFIER, PLEASE. >> CHAIR, CINDY PROVOST HAS JOINED US, AND SHE WILL BE NEXT TO BE FOLLOWED BY RON SILIADO. >> MS.\r\n\r\nPROVOST. YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. >> CINDY PROVOST AND MY HUSBAND AND I OWN ONE UNIT IN THE COMPLEX WE PURCHASED THREE YEARS AGO VISITING MAUI. BETWEEN THE TWO OF US SERVING 48 YEARS IN THE U.S. MILITARY AND CONSIDER US BLESSED AND NOT RICH. OUR HEARTS -- OUR COMMUNITY HAS WELCOMED 12 FIRE SURVIVORS IN OUR COMPLEX AND HELPED TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT. WE SUPPORT 131 THE INTENTION, BUT REQUEST A MODIFICATION TO GRANT A PROPORTIONAL TAX BREAK FOR RENTALS SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR AS I BELIEVE WAS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING OUR COMPLEX DOES NOT PERMIT SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND ONLY RENTALS SIX MONTHS AND LONGER. HOWEVER, OUR UNIT IS OCCUPIED BY EITHER US OR LONG-TERM RENTERS OF LESS THAN ONE YEAR AND MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AND NEED TO RENT IT OUT PART OF THE YEAR TO PAY THE MORTGAGE.\r\n\r\nWE DO NOT EARN A PROFIT ON THIS CONDO. WE PLAN TO RENT IT OUT AT PRE-FIRE RENTAL RATE IN SPRING TO TWO FIRE SURVIVORS FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE FOR FAR LESS THAN WHAT IT COSTS FOR US TO OWN THE PROPERTY. IT WOULD BE NICE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TAX BREAK, BUT I UNDERSTAND MANY WOULD BE OPPOSED FROM THAT. WE HAVE NEIGHBORS IN OUR PET-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THIS COMMUNITY WHO LEAVE THEIRS VACANT 3-11 MONTHS WHO WON'T LIKELY CONSIDER CHANGING PLANS. A BILL MODIFICATION TO ACCOMMODATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND BENEFICIAL TO POTENTIAL RENTERS. ADDITIONALLY PLEASE FIND A WAY TO ENFORCE THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION AGAINST RENT GOUGING AND THE STORIES GREEDY OWNERS CHARGING MORE RENT THAN PRIOR TO THE FIRE. PLEASE FIND A WAY TO STOP THIS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, NEXT TESTIFIER. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS RON SILIADO, FOLLOWED BY SUSAN PCOLA-DAVIS, OUR LAST TESTIFIER CURRENTLY. >> GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COUNCIL, I'M RON SILIADO. I SUPPORT THE BILL 131. IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, THIS THING HAS BEEN GOING ON, AND WE JUST GOT TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING ASAP FOR THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY, NO MATTER WHAT WE GOT TO DO. THEY PROVED TO EVERYBODY THAT THEY NEED THEM.\r\n\r\nI AM ALMOST AT A LOSS OF WORDS ALREADY. LIKE, I JUST WANT TO SAY DO THE BEST YOU GUYS CAN DO TO SUPPORT THEM ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT LOST THEIR HOMES. I HAD 'OHANA LOST HOMES, AND LIVES. SO I'M JUST HERE SUPPORTING FROM OUTSIDE. I LIVE IN WAILUA, BUT I SEE THE HURT IN PEOPLE'S FAMILIES AND WHEN YOU TALK TO THEM, THEY ARE HURTING. I WORK FOR THE IWL, AND HAVE BEEN BOOTS ON THE GROUND, BUT IT FEELS HOPELESS. JUST GIVE YOU GUYS PROPS.\r\n\r\nI KNOW IT'S A HARD JOB AND THE COMMUNITY IS HURTING. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM IN HOMES TOMORROW. IT'S JUST A HURTING THING, 360. FROM MY HEART, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THESE GUYS, KEIKIS AND HUSBANDS AND WIVES, AND FAMILIES WITH A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, PILLOW UNDER THEIR HEAD. I DON'T SPEAK MUCH, BUT I THINK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING, BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S A HARD JOB. LAHAINA COMMUNITY, WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS DONE. I FEEL WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS DONE. THANK

YOU SO MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS SUSAN PCOLA-DAVIS, FOLLOWING HER WILL BE YAYOL HARA. MS. PCOLA-DAVIS, IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. >> THANK YOU. ALOHA. I'M ALMOST LIKE THE PERSON BEFORE ME AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.\r\n\r\nTHERE'S A COUPLE OF TESTIFIERS WHO ALREADY SAID THEY GOT THEIR NOTIFICATIONS WHEN PHASE 2 STARTS HAPPENING AROUND THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, THEIR HOMES ARE STILL UP, THEY'RE LIVING THERE, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO RELOCATE. THE LADY THAT PRESENTED SAID ONE YEAR. SO LET'S GET THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN ON THIS DISCUSSION, OR ELSE YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A BIGGER HOUSING PROBLEM THAN YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW. I DON'T SUPPORT THE BILL, ON BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CONTAIN TAMARA'S AMENDMENT FROM LAST WEEK. IT WAS PUT TOGETHER PRETTY QUICKLY BY THE GOVERNOR, AND FORCED UPON YOU ALL. YOU DIDN'T GET TO ACTUALLY COME UP WITH YOUR OWN PLANS. ALL THE PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR YOU ALL.\r\n\r\nI'M SORRY THAT YOU HAVE TO VOTE ON THIS TODAY, I'M SORRY, ALICE, THAT YOU HAD TO LISTEN TO ALL OF THE TESTIFIERS. THANK YOU, TAMARA. TAMARA, MAYBE YOU CAN GET YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO JOIN US IN LAHAINA ON A FIELDTRIP AND LET THEM COME TOGETHER AND WALK AROUND AND TALK TO PEOPLE. I DON'T THINK -- I JUST THINK TAMARA, YOU CAN LEAD THE BAND. YOU CAN BE THE ORCHESTRA. >> THANK YOU ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, NEXT.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS YAYOL HARA. >> CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> SORRY I'M IN A WINDY FIELD AT THE LOCATION OF THE BUILDING SITE OF 'OHANA HOPE VILLAGE. FIRST OF ALL, WITH THE BILL 131, I FEEL LIKE HERE WE GO AGAIN INCENTIVIZING AND REWARDING GREED. I HAVE HEARD PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT EVERYBODY IS GREEDY. BUT WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OVER 4,000 SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN WEST MAUI ALONE AND LOOKING AT ABOUT 7,000 PEOPLE STILL DISPLACED LIVING IN HOTEL ROOMS HAVING TO MOVE FROM ONE HOTEL ROOM TO ANOTHER.\r\n\r\nYOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT YOU ALL HEARD ALL DAY LONG ABOUT THE EVICTION NOTIFICATIONS. >> I HAVE BEEN WAITING SINCE THE BEGINNING TO TESTIFY. WILL THERE BE ANY POSSIBILITY TO? LOOKS LIKE -- >> MUTE THAT PERSON. >> AND WHAT I AM ASKING FOR IS THAT NO. 1 IS SOME KIND OF RESO CAP. THE GOVERNOR \$5,000 FOR ONE-BEDROOM UNITS IS NOT A -- IS NOT A CAP.\r\n\r\nIT'S AGAIN INCENTIVIZING AND REWARDING GREED. IT IS ALSO SETTING DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR THE RENTAL MARKET MOVING FORWARD. AFTER WE STOPPED GETTING GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, WHO CAN AFFORD TO CONTINUE PAYING \$5,000 FOR ONE-BEDROOM UNIT OR UP TO \$11,000 FOR A THREE-BEDROOM UNIT? IT'S SETTING A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT ON MAUI AND ALSO IN STATE OF HAWAII. ONE THING THAT I WOULD ASK THE MAYOR, IF YOU COULD HELP SUPPORT THE VARIOUS SORT OF INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING UP. I MEAN, THE MAYOR HAS NOT -- HAS NOT GONE FORWARD TO MAKE A MANDATE. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S CONCERN ABOUT LAWSUITS AND THERE'S THE LEGALITY OF IT. NEW YORK STATE WAS ABLE TO KIBOSH SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS WHO LIVE IN NEW YORK.\r\n\r\nYOU HAVE TO BE OWNER-OCCUPIED IN ORDER TO HAVE A SHORT-TERM RENTAL THERE. I AGREE WITH SHORT-TERM RENTALS FOR PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY LIVE ON-ISLAND AS AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF INCOME, BUT I DO NOT AGREE WITH SHORT-TERM RENTALS FOR PEOPLE FROM THE MAINLAND, WHO ARE ONLY PART-TIME RESIDENTS. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. THEY DON'T VOTE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. THEY DON'T VOTE FOR THE MAYOR. WE SHOULDN'T BE PUTTING THEIR NEEDS BEFORE OUR LOCAL CONSTITUENTS. SORRY, IT'S VERY WINDY HERE.\r\n\r\nBUT THAT'S THE END OF MY TESTIMONY. I JUST DO NOT AGREE THAT IF THERE'S SOME WAY THAT WE CAN BASICALLY TELL THESE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS THAT YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU, AND THIS IS SHORT-TERM RENTALS SPECIFICALLY IN WEST MAUI THAT THIS IS WHAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS AND THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE ON AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL. I MEAN, IT SHOULD BE SORT OF LIKE YOU TURN INTO A LONG-TERM RENTAL. >> THREE MINUTES. >> OR THERE'S NO SHORT-TERM RENTAL IN WEST MAUI. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, CURRENTLY THE LAST TESTIFIER IS CALEB. >> ALOHA. MY HEARTBREAKS FOR EVERYONE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY, LOVE THE PEOPLE OF LAHAINA, MAUI AND WHILE THE STRUCTURE OF OUR PROPERTY DID NOT BURN, IT'S STILL IN AN UNINHABITABLE ZONE AND THE PROPERTY HAS SERIOUSLY BEEN AFFECTED.\r\n\r\nWE KNOW OTHERS HAVE BEEN SO MUCH MORE AFFECTED AND OUR THOUGHTS

AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. MY WIFE AND I ARE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS OF A CONDO UNIT THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO LEARN HOW TO HELP IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN. I DEFINITELY DON'T APPRECIATE KIND OF THE LACK OF ALOHA SPIRIT, OR VILIFICATION. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY, AND JUST LOVE THAT PLACE, AND ITS PEOPLE. SO IT DEFINITELY BREAKS MY HEART THERE'S KIND OF ALMOST A DIVIDING LINE THAT IS DIVIDING LINE BEING CREATED. I APPRECIATE A ASPECTS OF BILL 131 AND INCENTIVIZES AS OPPOSED TO PUNISHING LEGAL SHORT-TERM RENTALS THAT BOUGHT UNDER THOSE PROVISIONS IN ORDER TO YOU KNOW, I REALLY LIKE THAT THERE IS INCENTIVES TO HELP HOUSE SHORT-TERM OWNERS THAT CAN AFFORD TO TAKE THOSE INCENTIVES TO DO SO. I'M ALL FOR LIMITING NEW SHORT-TERM RENTALS, BUT THE ECONOMIC CAT IS KIND OF LIKE OUT OF BAG AND AT THIS POINT ANYTHING OTHER THAN INCENTIVIZING EXISTING SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN LONG-TERM RENTALS WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY STEALING FROM PEOPLE THAT BOUGHT THESE PROPERTIES, YOU KNOW? MANY OF THEM CANNOT AFFORD TO RENT AT A LOSS. SO NOT ALL OF THEM, YOU KNOW, NONE OF THEM ARE LIKE THE HOTELS THAT HAVE ENDLESS CHECK BOOKS. SO HOW DO WE INCENTIVIZE BETTER? I'M DEFINITELY NOT CHOOSING PROFITS. I WOULD LOVE TO HELP SOMEBODY, BUT IN THIS SITUATION, WE WOULD BE LOSING A LOT OF MONEY GIVEN THE CURRENT INCENTIVIZING -- INCENTIVES THAT ARE PROVIDED. SO I WOULD SAY SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY COULD DO IS TO INCREASE INCENTIVES TO HELP MORE SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO HELP THE DISPLACED ALONG WITH CPI ESCALATOR AND TWO, INCLUDE HOTELS IN THIS PROGRAM. THREE, BRING TAXES ON HOTELS UP TO EQUAL RATE PAID BY SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS AND FOUR, ENSURE HOMEOWNERS AGAINST POSSIBLE DAMAGE. SO THAT THEY FEEL, YOU KNOW, LIKE THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED AT ALL >> THANK YOU. >> SPEAKING ON MY BEHALF. I WANT TO HELP DISPLACED FAMILIES AND CONTRACTORS THAT CAN HELP REBUILD LAHAINA AND WE GOT TO WORK TOGETHER AND NOT ENTERTAIN CANNIBALISM DEVOID OF THAT -- YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? NO QUESTIONS. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, CURRENTLY OUR LAST TESTIFIER IS HUY DUONG. >> I'M AN OWNER OF AN STR. YOU KNOW I AGREE WHAT CALEB WROTE ABOUT EARLIER. WE'RE NOT HERE TO MAKE A PROFIT, YOU KNOW? FROM ANY FINANCIAL STANDPOINT, MAUI HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EMOTIONAL INVESTMENT. MY WIFE DIED LEAVING ME TWO YOUNG KIDS AND I DECIDED TO LIVE OUT HER DREAM LIFE INSURANCE MONEY. I WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, BUT THE FINANCES DON'T WORK AND I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT MANY SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS WANT TO HELP OUT THE LOCALS AND WE HAVE IN MANY WAYS. A LOT OF US HAVE GIVEN OUT AND LET PEOPLE STAY MONTHS ON END FOR FREE. I ATE UP THE POWER BILL ALONE, \$1200 ACROSS THREE MONTHS. I'M DOING THIS AS A SINGLE FATHER HERE. I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE IT WAS MY WIFE'S DREAM TO OWN A PLACE IN MAUI. I WISH THE ECONOMICS WOULD WORK OUT; RIGHT? WHAT I PROPOSE IS JUST DON'T FOCUS ONLY ON THE STRS; RIGHT? WE CAN'T CHANGE THE ECONOMY. WE CAN CHANGE THE ECONOMY IN THE LONG-TERM, BUT TOURISM IS OUR LIFE BLOOD RIGHT NOW IN THIS ECONOMY. WHAT I PROPOSE IS CHARGE \$20 A NIGHT FOR EVERY -- FOR EVERY TOURIST THAT COMES -- WHETHER IT'S A HOTEL OR STR; RIGHT? THERE YOU CAN FUND THE STRS THAT CHOOSE TO RENT TO THE LONG-TERM PEOPLE. YOU CAN EASILY FUND THAT. I RAN THE MATH. AND IT WORKS OUT PERFECTLY. AND YOU CAN MARKET THIS AS A MAUI RECOVERY FUND AND THE MORE VISITORS YOU GET, YOU HELP THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT. >> CHAIR, THERE'S CURRENTLY NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS BILL, PLEASE LET US KNOW AT THIS TIME. THIS IS LAST CALL. COUNTDOWN IS 3, 2, 1. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? SO ORDERED. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE BUSINESS. MADAM CLERK THANK YOU, CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 131 (2023) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL TESTIFIERS FOR YOUR PASSION. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE ON FIRST READING -- >> MOVE TO APPROVE. >> YES. OKAY. >> I WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY. >> DO I HEAR ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER SOMEPLACE? >> I KNOW, LAUREN IS GOING TO MUTE THAT PERSON. MOVE TO

PASS. >> BILL 131 ON FIRST READING. >> SECOND. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER PALTIN TO PASS BILL 131 ON FIRST READING.\r\n\r\nDISCUSSION? MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> YOU KNOW, I THINK WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM MANY TESTIFIERS TODAY AND WE'LL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE STORIES OF PASSION, AND SORRY THAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH THIS AND I HOPE THIS WILL PROVIDE SOME RELIEF THAT I BELIEVE WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE TOGETHER. THANK YOU, MAYOR BISSEN FOR BEING HERE, WITH US, AND, AS WELL AS CORP. COUNSEL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE DISCUSSION, IF NEED-BE. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nI HAVE A PROCESS QUESTION, PROBABLY, FOR OCS DIRECTOR RAATZ. IF I DO A SUBSTITUTION, WOULD THAT SUBSTITUTION HAVE TO PASS BEFORE I CAN AMEND THE SUBSTITUTION? >> YES, YES. >> YOU HAVE TO AMEND IT FIRST. >> BECAUSE I FOUND A FEW SMALL AMENDMENTS. >> OKAY. THAT OTHER ASF THAT WAS PASSED ON MY BEHALF ON HOUSEKEEPING MEASURES, WE'RE GOING SAVE THAT FOR SECOND READING BECAUSE IT'S JUST GOING TO COMPLICATE EVERYTHING.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT NOW OR SUBSTITUTION? >> SURE, I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE BILL 131 (2023) WITH THE ATTACHED PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION OF THE BILL. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER PALTIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE THE ORIGINAL BILL.\r\n\r\nDISCUSSION, MEMBER PALTIN. >> CHAIR, IF I MAY? I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT WITH A PROCEDURAL NOTE. THE BILL IS POSTED WITHOUT A COMMITTEE REPORT. SO UNDER RULE 7G, WE WOULD NEED A WAIVER OF THAT REQUIREMENT OF GETTING COMMITTEE REFERRAL AND REPORT BEFORE ACTION. THAT TAKES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> ALL RIGHT. TWO-THIRDS. WE HAVE SIX. >> I MOVE TO WAIVE RULE 7G OF THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS BILL TODAY. >> SECOND. >> THE SUBSTITUTE. >> COMMITTEE REFERRAL AND REPORT.\r\n\r\n>> OH, AND WAIVE COMMITTEE REFERRAL AND REPORT. >> THAT IS 7G. SECOND BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> SECOND. >> MOVED AND SECONDED TO WAIVE RULE 7G RULES OF THE COUNCIL. ANY MORE DISCUSSION ON THAT MATTER? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO WAIVE 7G, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. I SEE ONE, TWO, THREE -- SIX AYES, ZERO NOS, THREE EXCUSED. MOTION CARRYS. IS. >> IT HELMETS THE EXEMPTION TO A DWELLING UNIT NOT OCCUPIED AS LONG-TERM RENTAL ATLE TIME OF THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES AND HAS SINCE THE WILDFIRES BEEN OCCUPIED AS A LONG-TERM RENTAL TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS DIRECTLY DISPLACED BY THE FIRES, TWO AMENDS CONDITION 4D, TO DISALLOW THE EXEMPTION IF THE LESSEE IS A BUSINESS, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR ANY ENTITY UNLESS THE OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING UNIT IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS DIRECTLY DISPLACED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES, THAT IS CNHA'S ONE. AND THREE, MAKES AMENDMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE DRAFTING GUIDE FROM MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATION, THE PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION SEEKS TO PROTECT AGAINST THE POTENTIAL FOR DISPLACING POTENTIAL FOR DISPLACING EXIST LONG-TERM TENANTS BECAUSE OF THEIR REAL PROPERTY TAX ADVANTAGES BEING OFFERED TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ENTER INTO LEASES ONE YEAR OR MORE WITH INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY DISPLACED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES AND ALSO INCORPORATES AN AMENDMENT SUGGESTED IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY DATED DECEMBER 4TH, 2023 FROM THE COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT THAT POINTED OUT THAT THE FEMA DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM LEASES DIRECTLY FROM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES AND THEN MAKES UNIT AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS AND THE AMENDMENT WILL ALLOW FOR THE EXEMPTION IN THIS SITUATION. IF MEMBERS ARE OKAY, THERE'S A COUPLE OF FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS THAT I WANTED TO MAKE TO THE WRITING ASF AND THE DATE JANUARY 30, 2024 ON THE FIRST PAGE SHOULD READ JANUARY 31ST, 2024. IF FINANCE IS GOOD WITH IT?\r\n\r\nAND THEN ON PAGE 2, I BELIEVE IT OR NOT PROPER GRAMMAR FOR 4A IS "ARE" INSTEAD OF "IS." AND WOULD READ A NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS -- SORRY, NEVER MIND THAT ONE. I WAS COPYING YOUR VERSION. NEVER MIND THAT ONE. >> OKAY. >> SO THOSE ARE THE TWO -- OR THE ONE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO MY ASF IS JUST THE DATE TO JANUARY 31ST, 2024. >> EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND. I HAVE TO CHECK WITH DAVID. DAVID, WE DID THE MOTION BEFORE WE DID THE 7G WAIVER, DOES IT REALLY MATTER?\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. NO, AS LONG AS 7G WAIVER IS ON THE RECORD, YOU CAN PROCEED. THANKS. >> PLEASE PROCEED, MEMBER PALTIN. >> AND THE OTHER PART OF MY DISCUSSION, I WANTED TO SEE IF TO ADDRESS I2 ON

PAGE 3 IN REGARDS TO THE TESTIMONY THAT WE HEARD TODAY FROM NELLIE AND JULIAN, BOTH OF WHOM STATED THAT THEIR HOUSES WERE NOT DESTROYED, BUT THEY ARE NOT LIVABLE -- NELLIE'S ISN'T LIVABLE NOW AND JULIAN WAS TOLD BY FEMA SHE WOULD HAVE TO RELOCATE FOR POSSIBLY A YEAR. SO I GUESS FOR THAT, I WOULD EITHER ASK SOMEBODY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION IF WE CAN CHANGE THAT TO THAT WAS MADE UNLIVABLE? OR SOME OTHER LANGUAGE?
BECAUSE IF THEY CAN'T LIVE IN THEIR HOUSES, I WOULD LOVE FOR THEM TO ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS INCENTIVE. >> WE WERE LOOKING AT THAT EARLIER. WE THOUGHT MAYBE DID IT COULD REFLECT DAMAGED, DESTROYED OR IMPACTED? WE COULD USE THAT LANGUAGE. >> OKAY, IF THE MEMBERS ARE OKAY WITH THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. >> I DIDN'T HEAR THE THIRD ONE, DAMAGED DESTROYED OR? >> IMPACTED.
IMPACTED. THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH. >> THAT WOULD BE MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. >> WE JUST DID THAT ON THE FLY WHILE WE WERE STANDING UP HERE EARLIER. >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. YOU KNOW ME SO WELL AND CAN READ MY FACE FOR EXPRESSIONS.
AS A MATTER OF PROCESS AND I'M SURE STAFF WOULD HAVE LESS HEARTBURN WITH THIS IF YOU WOULD JUST ASK IF THERE'S ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE TWO FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS THAT WERE MADE? >> MEMBERS, DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE TWO FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS THAT WERE MADE? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> QUESTION? CLARIFICATION. I'M SORRY, I DON'T MEAN THAT -- WHERE ARE YOU PLACING THAT RECOMMENDATION? WHERE IS IT PLACED?
I2 IT WOULD BE THE LEASE PROPERTIES OCCUPANT MAINTAIN A PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE THAT WAS DAMAGED, DESTROYED OR IMPACTED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES, AND HAD NO OTHER PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE AS OF AUGUST 8TH, 2023. AND ON A SIDE NOTE, I DID ASK DIRECTOR TERUYA TO DEFINE "PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE." HE IS THERE RAISING HIS HAND. RIGHT-ON MR. TERUYA. >> WE WANTED TO MENTION ONE OF THOSE LETTERS IS LAHAINA AND ONE IS KULA. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE BOTH OF THEM OR ONLY ASKING TO CHANGE LAHAINA -- THE LAHAINA PARAGRAPH? >> MY QUESTION WOULD BE TO CORP. COUNSEL.
IS THE WORD "IMPACTED" PERHAPS TOO GENERAL? IS THAT OKAY? >> I THINK "IMPACTED" WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PERHAPS FURTHER REFINEMENT OR DEFINITION. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THAT WORD WOULD BE ABLE TO ENCOMPASS ALL KIND OF DAMAGE, THEN I DON'T THINK WE CAN NECESSARILY DEFINE IT ON THE FLY. BUT YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY HOMES AS WE HAVE HEARD THE TESTIFIERS DISCUSS, WHERE MIGHT BE JUST VERY MINOR, BUT IT MEANS THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO HABITATE THEIR HOMES. SO I WOULD SAY YES AT THIS TIME "IMPACT" IS FINE. >> OKAY.
TO INCLUDE KULA, MAINTAIN A PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE IN KULA. >> IT DOESN'T MATCH -- HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE ZONES. >> IN KULA, WITHIN THE RED OR YELLOW. >> DESTROYED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES OR WITHIN THE RED OR YELLOW ENTRY ZONES IN LAHAINA AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY. AND THIS IS DIRECTOR TERUYA'S ANSWER IS TO PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE. I WILL YIELD TO MS. MARTINS TO CLARIFY MS.
MARTINS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. FOR SECTION I, SO 1A AND B WAS REFERRING TO LAHAINA. SO IF YOU WANTED JUST TO BROADEN THAT, YOU MAY ADD GREEN, RED OR YELLOW, OR TAKE OUT RED OR YELLOW AND JUST INCLUDE ALL RE-ENTRY ZONES, JUST IN CASE SOMEONE COULDN'T LIVE IN ONE OF THE GREEN ZONES, THEN YOU JUST WOULD INCLUDE THAT ENTIRE MAP. YOU COULD TAKE OUT THE NOVEMBER 15TH, BUT THAT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE BILL 95. THEN TWO, I2 WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR THOSE WHO WERE OUTSIDE OF THE RE-ENTRY ZONE, WHICH WOULD BE UP COUNTRY. AND IN THAT CASE, IF THEIR HOME WAS DESTROYED UP COUNTRY, THEN THEY WOULD BE INELIGIBLE OCCUPANT OF A LONG-TERM RENTAL. SO THAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1 AND 2. >> SO THIS FRIENDLY AMENDMENT IS GROWING THEN.
>> I'LL MAKE THAT PART OF THE MOTION. DO WE WAIT FOR THIS ONE TO PASS? >> WHICH ONE, YOU MEAN THE SUBSTITUTION? SO WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THAT SUBSTITUTIONS, DIRECTOR RAATZ? WE SHOULD TAKE AMENDMENTS BEFORE WE FINALIZE THAT SUBSTITUTION? >> YES. >> THAT'S CORRECT, CHAIR, UNDER ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.
>> OKAY. HOWEVER, HOWEVER, MR. RAATZ, WE CAN ONLY DO TWO AMENDMENTS. WE MIGHT BE LOOKING AT THREE. >> CHAIR? >> YES. , MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.
>> MAHALO, CHAIR. YES, SO WE HAVE THE MAIN MOTION ON THE FLOOR. THE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE, AND THEN A MOTION TO AMEND THE SUBSTITUTION. AND IF WE COMBINE THE AMENDMENTS INTO ONE MOTION TO AMEND, WE'RE GOOD. MY DISCUSSION IS ON

THE WORD "IMPACTED." I AGREE WITH YOU THAT IS NOT THE BEST WORD TO USE. SO AN IDEA OR SUGGESTION IS PROHIBITED FROM -- PROHIBITED FROM INHABITING THEIR HOUSE. BECAUSE I HEARD THAT THERE WASN'T ANY DAMAGE TO THEIR PLACE.\r\n\r\nSO IMPACTED" IS TOO BROAD. >> CHAIR? >> YES. >> MAYBE WE CAN SAY, "DAMAGED, DESTROYED OR DECLARED UNHABITABLE? >> WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU? >> THAT MEANS THAT THEY ARE -- >> BECAUSE IT STILL SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY HAPPENED TO THEIR HOME AND GOVERNMENT IS NOT RESTRICTING THEM FROM LIVING IN THEIR HOME? THAT IS HOW I WOULD INTERPRET IT.\r\n\r\n>> SO YOUR SUGGESTION. >> FROM LIVING OR INHABITING THEIR HOME. >> THAT WOULD BE FINE. I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM. >> THE MAYOR IS MAKING A FACE. >> CHAIR? >> I HEAR DIRECTOR TERUYA, PERHAPS HE HAS AN IDEA.\r\n\r\n>> DIRECTOR TERUYA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR AND MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. I THINK "IMPACTED" AS LONG AS WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE INTENT TO PUT FOR THE COMMUNITY RECORD, I THINK OUR ADMINISTRATION IS IN SUPPORT OF WAIVING THINGS WHEN PEOPLE CANNOT OCCUPY BECAUSE OF SOMETHING. AND THINGS MAY CHANGE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OCCUPY TODAY. SOMETHING MAY HAPPEN AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OCCUPY LATER.\r\n\r\nSO I THINK WE WANT THE FLEXIBILITY, TO AFFORD PEOPLE POSSIBLY WAIVING THEIR TAXATION, BECAUSE IT'S NOT UP TO THEM IF THEY CAN LIVE THERE OR NOT? I THINK THAT IS THE WHOLE POINT. I BELIEVE THE MAYOR WAS ALLUDING TO IF SOMEBODY RESTRICTS YOU FROM USING YOUR HOME, WE WANT TO WAIVE THE TAXES. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LIVE IN THERE, HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE NOT TO LIVE IN THERE, THAT IS A DIFFERENT STORY. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. GOING BACK TO THE DISCUSSION.\r\n\r\nWERE YOU FINISHED, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ ? AM OPEN TO HEARING OTHER IDEAS, AND THEN I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP MAKE THE MOTION TO AMEND. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST HAD A CLARIFICATION FOR EITHER FINANCE, LAWYERS. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION MAY BE THE SAME FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, PEOPLE'S INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCE MIGHT NOT BE THE SAME? LIKE, I HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH FOLKS THAT HAVE ASTHMA OR RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS, THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE WITHOUT, LIKE GOING TO THE DOCTOR A LOT, BUT THEIR NEIGHBOR IS OKAY TO LIVE RIGHT NEXT TO THEM IN A SIMILAR SITUATION, OR IF YOU JUST HAD A BABY, LIKE REALLY SO CLOSE TO THE BURN ZONE, I DON'T THINK IT'S SMART TO HAVE AN INFANT LIVING RIGHT NEXT TO A HOUSE THAT BURNED DOWN. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANTED TO, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESTRICT IT?\r\n\r\nSO I WAS WONDERING IF THAT IMPACTED WOULD ALLOW THE FLEXIBILITY FOR MEDICAL SITUATIONS, LIKE THAT? OR THAT KIND OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, FOR, LIKE, INFANT LUNGS AND THINGS. >> DO YOU HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION? >> WELL, IF IT ALLOWS THE FLEXIBILITY FOR THOSE SITUATIONS I DON'T NEED AN ALTERNATIVE; RIGHT? I WAS JUST ASKING. >> DEPENDS ON THE DEFINITION. MARCY MARTIN.\r\n\r\n>> EITHER ONE OF US CAN ANSWER. THAT IS WHY WE WERE THINKING "IMPACTED." BECAUSE IT'S SO IN ORDER OF BROAD GENERAL TERM AND CAN BE FURTHER DEFINED, BUT IT ALSO LEAVES US A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY IN TERMS OF THOSE SITUATIONS THAT YOU DESCRIBED. >> OKAY. SO IF THAT IS THE INTENTION, I'M OKAY WITH IT. >> SURE, MAYOR? >> SO THE DIFFERENCE IS ONE IS WHERE A THIRD-PARTY DECLARES YOUR PROPERTY NOT INHABITABLE AND THE OTHER IS WHERE YOU DECLARE YOURSELF NOT COMFORTABLE BEING IN THAT SITUATION. AND WE HAVE HEARD MANY OF THOSE SITUATIONS, TOO, EVEN FOR FOLKS, PARENTS, SOME IN THIS ROOM WHO DECIDED TO SEND TO SCHOOL OR NOT TO SEND THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL BECAUSE OF AIR QUALITY OR OTHER ISSUES THAT DON'T AFFECT EVERYONE EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.\r\n\r\nSO I THINK THIS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT PEOPLE'S TOLERANCE, AND INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS, BUT YOU FOLKS ULTIMATELY AS LEGISLATORS DECIDE IF YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT WORD. WE'RE TRYING TO GRAB A WORD THAT MEANT WHAT I JUST EXPLAINED. >> IF YOU CAN INTERPRET IT AS HOW YOU JUST SAID, I'M OKAY WITH THAT WORD, BECAUSE YOU GUYS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTING THE WORD HAS THERE WE CHOOSE, AND IF YOU IMPLEMENTED IT IN THIS WAY, I'M OKAY. >> THAT IS THE WORD THAT HAS BEEN USED THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE EPISODE SINCE AUGUST 8TH. EVERYBODY HAS USED THAT WORD TIME AND AGAIN AND UP UNTIL NOW, NO ONE HAS ASKED WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, BECAUSE I THINK EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THAT MEAN OR ALLOWS THAT EXPANDS OR CONTRACTS AS THE SITUATION CALLS. >> MARCY MARTIN, DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? OR YOU'RE JUST ADMIRING ME?\r\n\r\n[LAUGHTER] >> NO. WE UNDERSTAND THE

INTENT. YES, THAT GIVES US DISCRETION. SO WE'RE GOOD WITH THOSE WORDS. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANKS. SO I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD WHEN THE MAYOR EXPLAINED IT THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE DISASTER WE HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THIS AS "IMPACTED." YOU KNOW? AUGUST WILDFIRE SURVIVORS IMPACTED BY. SO THAT HAS BEEN A COMMON WORD AND I THINK THE MAYOR HAS HEARD US UP COUNTRY AND WE HEAR A LOT FROM WEST MAUI, BUT IN UP COUNTRY FOR NEIGHBORS THAT ARE IMPACTED, THE SITUATION IS VERY DIFFERENT. I WON'T GO THROUGH THE EXPLANATION, BUT I AGREE WITH THE WORD "IMPACTED." >> OKAY. >> THANKS. >> AS LONG AS THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT IS CLEAR. >> I HAD ONE MORE QUESTION FOR AN ATTORNEY. ANY ATTORNEY. >> ANY ATTORNEY. OKAY. WHAT IS THE QUESTION? >> IN BILL 95, WE USED THE TERM "DAMAGED, DESTROYED, OR MADE INACCESSIBLE." AND IF THE PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO ALIGN THESE TWO BILLS, BILL 95 AND BILL 131, SO THAT THEY USE THE SAME VERBIAGE, SHOULD WE TRY TO DO THAT FOR THE DECEMBER 15TH POSTED ASF? SO THAT BILL 131 AND BILL 95 USE THE SAME VERBIAGE, INSTEAD OF MADE INACCESSIBLE AND ALSO USE IMPACTED? >> CORPORATION COUNSEL? >> I'M GOING TO DEFER TO MS. TOSHIKIYO WHO IS ON THE LINE AND IS FAMILIAR WITH BILL 95. >> HI CHAIR. >> HI. GO AHEAD, YOU CAN ANSWER. >> YES. THERE ACTUALLY MAY BE OTHER PHRASES AND VERBIAGES IN BILL 95 THAT WE PROBABLY WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT, FOR INSTANCE, FOR PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE, JUST FOR CONSISTENCY. I DON'T RECALL WHICH -- OR WHAT LANGUAGE WE USED, BUT I KNOW OCS HAD SUGGESTIONS ON THOSE THAT WOULD BE EASY TO UNDERSTAND. SO TO BE CONSISTENT TO TAKE A LOOK AT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING THE SAME VERBIAGE BETWEEN BOTH BILLS AND TRY TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER AS WELL. >> OKAY, GOOD. GOOD. VERY GOOD. YES, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I JUST WANTED TO ADD, OR A QUESTION THAT CAME UP AS STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT THE GOVERNOR, OR THE STATE IS GOING TO BE PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVES? SO AT SOME POINT, MAYBE THE MAYOR? >> ANOTHER MEETING. >> ANOTHER MEETING? >> YES. >> BECAUSE 131 DOESN'T TAKE UP -- >> THAT IS PART OF IT. THANKS. >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. SO IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE READY TO MAKE THE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTE AND I MOVE TO MOVE UNDER BY REPLACING JANUARY 1ST, 2024 WITH JANUARY 31ST, 2024. AND TO >> A1, SORRY. >> REPEAT THAT, PLEASE. >> TO AMEND SECTION A1 FROM JANUARY 1ST. >> 30TH TO 31ST. >> JANUARY 30TH, TO 31ST. THAT IS WHY WE'RE DOING THIS MOTION. I MOVE TO AMEND SECTION A1 FROM JANUARY 30TH, 2024 TO JANUARY 31ST, 2024. AND SECTION I2, TO READ: LEASED PROPERTY'S OCCUPANT MAINTAIN A PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE THAT WAS DESTROYED, DAMAGED OR IMPACTED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES AND HAD NO OTHER PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE AS OF AUGUST 8TH, 2023." >> EVERYBODY GOT THAT? >> YES. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES TO, LET'S SEE, WHERE WAS IT? 1A. >> A1. >> A1. >> I2. >> AND I2. >> EVERYBODY GOT THAT? >> YES. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? YES, MEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST WANTED TO CHECK IN WITH MS. MARTIN. >> THAT VERBIAGE, WE DON'T NEED TO SAY THE GREEN, RED OR YELLOW REENTRY IN THE NOVEMBER 15TH, BECAUSE WE GOT IT COVERED UNDER I2, THE WAY IT'S WORDED; RIGHT? >> YES. >> OKAY. THANKS. >> OKAY. >> THAT'S IT FOR ME. >> NO MORE? >> BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE TWO ITEMS UNDER THIS AMENDMENT. OKAY. WHAT IS THAT? SURE IT DOES. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> ALL AYES, SIX AYES, THREE EXCUSED. >> MOTION CARRIES. NOW WHERE ARE WE AT THE SUBSTITUTION AS AMENDED? ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, SAY AYE, RAISE YOUR HAND? >> AYE. >> SIX AYES, THREE EXCUSED. ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. >> NOW THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? NONE? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR. >> CHAIR? >> YES, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> I KNOW WE'RE -- [INAUDIBLE] I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL OF OUR TESTIFIERS FOR COMING OUT TO PROVIDE IMPORTANT INPUT AND I HOPE THEY CAN SEE HOW IMPORTANT THEIR VOICE IS, BECAUSE IT MADE SURE THAT WE MADE APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL BEFORE PASSAGE. >> THAT WE ENSURED THAT ALL OF THE DIFFERENT IMPACTS ARE ENCAPSULATED IN THIS BILL. SO THAT WE'RE HOPING AS MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS -- HELPING AS MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE. SO I WANTED TO MAHALO EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND SPENDING THE DAY WITH US AND WORKING ON THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. MAHALO TO OUR MAYOR FOR INTRODUCING THIS BILL, AND MEMBER

PALTIN FOR ENSURING THAT SAFEGUARDS WERE PUT INTO THE BILL TO PREVENT FURTHER HARM FROM HAPPENING TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> WELL-SAID. AND THAT COVERS EVERYBODY'S CONCERNS; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nNOW ONE LAST THING BEFORE WE VOTE IS AT THE NEXT MEETING, SECOND AND FINAL, WE'LL HAVE SOME HOUSEKEEPING MEASURES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE. >> SIX AYES, THREE EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIES. CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR, AND TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION. THANK YOU, COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC, OF COURSE.\r\n\r\n[APPLAUSE] OKAY, MEMBERS, THAT IS THE END OF THE CALENDAR FOR US. ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS? ANYBODY GETTING MARRIED? DIVORCED? NOTHING? THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]