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Subject: 2022/2023 Property Tax Rates

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Aloha Tamara,

Please consider this email written testimony on the proposed rates for July 1, 2022 Real Property Taxes.

If the County of Maui continues to raise property taxes for Short Term Rentals, Long Term Rentals, and Non-Owner Occupied classifications you will force the owners of these properties to sell their investments and thus will cause a major influx of unsellable Maui real estate. This action will in the long run cause real estate property tax revenue to decline for the county and hurt your revenue projections.

I have been a condo owner on Maui for over 21 years and have paid my increasing property taxes, TAT and GET taxes to the County of Maui over the years without complaining. However, with new 3% Maui Tax and now the proposed increases in property tax rates, we will be forced to sell our property. My worry is that future buyers will balk at purchasing our condo because of the increasing property tax rates and I'll be stuck with property I cannot afford and could be forced into a short sale.

The Real Property Tax rates for these classifications mentioned above are punitive in nature. I understand the county's need for revenue, but the County is being short sighted about targeting specific classifications with increases when the County should increase areas that are already extremely low compared to other states and counties in the country.

Maui county will lose revenue in the long run over the short sighted revenue grab.

Please reconsider your property tax rate increases for 2022-2023.
Small, incremental increases every 2-3 years is acceptable.

Sincerely,

Ron Becht
Condo Owner

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Aloha Tamara

I would like to propose this idea:

The people who are Maui residents should pay less taxes in short rentals than the ones that are not residents and have profits of their second homes.

And the residents of Maui should be able to get short rentals permits and not the ones that does not live on the island.

Because more than half of the short term rental properties belongs to no residents.

And with the hotels I think that 60% of the whole should be own by resident.

Thank you very much

Victoria Bianchetti from Haiku

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From: Tamara A. Paltin
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Council Members

My name is Trent Harris and I am a Time Share owner from 1980. Back then, we bought a condo in the building and the land beneath it, unlike current Time Shares. I am a property owner on Maui and own 5 weeks of deeded title to our condo and land.

Like our other owners, we are lumped in with the new time share groups and are taxed as such. We do not rent our units, we use them. Over the last two years, I have spent a ton of money remodeling our unit for our owners. New Time Share owners don't do that.

We have always been the step child of land owners and have had to pay the price in our tax rates. We are not there for most of your meetings so we can't organize a group to protest our treatment when it comes to you constantly increasing and depending upon our never ending tax increases.

While tier one owners are being taxed at \$1.66-\$3.00, we are being taxed at \$14.40 to \$17.00. If I sent you a tax bill with that difference, I'm sure I'd hear from you.

It is ridiculous and cowardly to rely on visitors to the island for financial support and not hold the residents at least more accountable for the expenses of running the county. If the visitors quit going to Maui, you would be in trouble.

I am requesting that you reconsider your proposed increases to our tax rate and do the right thing by balancing out the costs of running the county over all of the groups.

Trent Harris

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I believe that a \$6 fee for 2nd home is way too high. Half that and rents would have to be raised again
I believe that short term rentals tax at \$11 is too high. The rate is high enough. I live here and to do stay vacations are not reasonable anymore.. The increase is not going to make it better.

Mahalo
Leslie Knoles
808 283 5694

From: mary drayer <mdrayerhome@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 2:52 PM
To: County Clerk
Cc: mary drayer; Lindsey Drayer; Erin Daughter; Jami Cell ✓ Almeida
Subject: Resolution 22-82 FD1 Real Property Tax Rates County of Maui

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Aloha,

I am submitting my testimony/comments in support of Resolution 22-82, FD1, Adopting the Real Property Tax Rates effective July 1, 2022.

There are a multitude of reasons something needs to be done to help keep our local people here. Kanaka 'ōiwi are leaving in large numbers – due to cost of finding a place to live! It is you, the decision makers, that must HELP.

I do not need to list the many issues that transplants and out of state buyers have created with their influx of money.

(Housing being just one. 🙄)

Thus I again state my SUPPORT in adoption of Resolution 22-82, FD1.

Mary Drayer
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Wailuku, Hi 96793 (since 12-15-1962)
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www.biodiesel.com

May 10, 2022

Maui County Council
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

RE: Testimony AGAINST Biodiesel Tax in Mayor's Proposed FY 2023 Budget for the County of Maui

Aloha, Chair Lee and Councilmembers:

We appreciate Maui County Council's support of biodiesel over the years. Currently there is no highway fuel tax for biodiesel (B100) thanks to the County Council approving an exemption of the tax in last fiscal year's County budget. ***Mahalo, Councilmembers, for supporting a continuation of this fuel tax exemption for B100 in the County's FY 2023 budget.***

The Mayor has proposed increasing to 11 cents per gallon the on-road fuel tax for "Biodiesel Blend" (other than B100) in the County's FY 2023 budget, which thankfully Maui County Council has proposed keeping at the current 6-cent per gallon tax rate. ***We urge you, Councilmembers, to please consider a fuel tax exemption for on-road Biodiesel Blends of B20 (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petroleum diesel) and higher as you had previously done for many years.***

At this time Maui County should be incentivizing – not penalizing – those who choose to do the right thing for our environment by fueling up with biodiesel. As a County, we should support accelerating the use of renewables in every way, now more than ever, for these reasons:

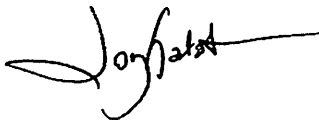
- **Tax the problem, not the solution.** Biodiesel is a 100% renewable, biodegradable and non-toxic advanced biofuel. We do not support taxing the solution, biodiesel. Instead, Maui County should further increase its tax on the problem, petroleum diesel fuel – fossil fuel. We must work urgently to reduce consumption of fossil fuel. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change last summer issued a scathing report on the dire state of our global climate crisis; the UN Chief called it a "code red for humanity." The report recommends the immediate, consistent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Biodiesel provides that immediate solution. It can be used today to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 86% compared to petroleum diesel fuel.
- **Local biodiesel supports energy security for Hawaii.** Biodiesel is not only a solution to fight the climate crisis, biodiesel produced in Hawaii reduces our state's reliance on imported fossil fuel, which directly supports greater energy security for Maui County and our entire state. As we have seen prices escalate in the global energy market since Russia began its war with Ukraine, now more than ever we should be supporting production and increasing demand for local renewable fuel. A road tax exemption for Biodiesel Blends will show support for local production and incentivize the use of this renewable fuel.

- **Biodiesel is viable, available and supports a just transition to a clean energy future.** There is a rush to electrify transportation in Hawaii, requiring investment in expensive new electric vehicles. Yet biodiesel only requires a simple switch of fuel – it can be used in any existing diesel engine without modification to directly replace petroleum diesel fuel. Not using biodiesel when it is an available choice today is supporting fossil fuel – and that decision will further increase the risks associated with climate change. A Biodiesel Blend fuel tax exemption in Maui County can help reinforce the urgent need to switch from fossil fuel to renewable fuel and encourage expanded use of renewables on road right away.

Maui County can help rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from existing diesel vehicles in its own fleet by switching to biodiesel. Although Maui County filed a lawsuit in 2020 against several fossil fuel companies for their role in devastating our environment over many decades, today we are not aware of any Maui County diesel buses or other fleet vehicles being fueled with biodiesel. The City & County of Honolulu, as an example, has used biodiesel in its fleet vehicles for more than 15 years. Over the past decade alone, they have used nearly 3.6 million gallons of locally made biodiesel, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 37,800 tons of CO₂ – the equivalent to 266 Fossil Fuel Buses in one year!

Let's step up as a County to do everything we can TODAY to reduce our use of fossil fuel and protect our planet for future generations.

Mahalo,



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Marketing Director
Pacific Biodiesel

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Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in support of resolution 22-82 fd1. There are too many people who don't live here that own houses while our people are becoming homeless or forced to leave because we cannot afford to be here. I suggest a law/bill be made that doesn't allow non residents to buy a home in Hawai'i. The people that are born and raised here should come first not people with millions of dollars. It doesn't make sense that residents can't afford a small home here while some millionaire from out of state can come and buy multiple acres of beautiful land but the locals get crammed into town houses. Politicians need to start making descisions that benefit the local people first.

Mahalo Hau'oli Thielk

From: Jessica Moffat <jessica_moffat@yahoo.com>
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Aloha Maui County Council,

Thank you for tackling OVER TOURISM.

This is an island wide problem. Over tourism needs an island wide solution. Businesses, large and small need a chance at economic stability/viability/growth. Targeting specific groups with higher property taxes and impacting them unfairly is NOT a solution.

A FAIR solution is implementing a TOURISM LOTTERY, similar to programs adopted by over-run National Parks.

A lottery is a REAL SOLUTION; near, mid and long term.

Here is WHY a lottery is BETTER solution: **Everyone shares the benefit and the burden.**

Taxing select groups, who have the potential to litigate everyone into oblivion for years, gets nothing resolved and most importantly, **doesn't solve the problem of over tourism.**

Analyze data from airlines, hotels, small businesses for determining their economic thresholds for thriving, not just surviving. Adjust the program as needed, per actuarial data. Set NOTHING in stone, other than easing Maui into a happier, more tenable place for full time residents as well as tourists. Complex, yes, but once established it is a good solution.

Thank you for considering a solution that is FAIR, viable, and would help EVERYONE, and not UNFAIRLY tax certain sectors, like Short Term Rentals.

Sincerely
Jessica and Paul Van Stone
155 Wailea Ike Pl
Kihei, HI 96753

From: Dale Thompson <epicmauisunset@gmail.com>
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Private condo owners can't continue to pass these increased taxes onto our guest. Big corporations that are charging \$800-\$1000 a night can absorb these additional cost but for private property owners that own one studio on Maui and rely on the income to survive this is a huge burden. Please allow the kupuna the opportunity to support themselves without additional taxes being levied on them. Mahalo, Kaikaina properties

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Respectfully submitted,
Barb Bryson
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Maui County Council,

Since purchasing my condo seven years ago, I have seen my property taxes increased multiple times. Although I am a resident, I rent out my condo as a short term rental when I am away visiting my daughters and granddaughters. Without the rental income, it would be difficult for me to afford to live in Maui on my retirement income.

Short term rentals are not owned just by non-residents! There are many residents such as myself who are dependent on the rental income for their support. Raising property taxes on Short Term Rentals is unfair.

Thank you for considering fair solutions rather than unfair solutions to protecting our island from being overrun with tourists.

Mahalo,

Faye Taylor

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From: Christy Fernadez <alohacfernandez@me.com>
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I support the Resolution.
Mahalo,
Christy Fernandez

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Maui Hotel & Lodging
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May 13, 2022

Council Chair Alice Lee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street, 8th Floor
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Council Chair Lee and Members of the Council:

My name is Lisa Paulson, Executive Director of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA), the legislative arm of the visitor industry. We represent over 170 property and allied business members and over 19,000 rooms in Maui County.

We appreciate the hard work that has been put into Maui County's FY 22-23 budget.

We want to re-state our request for a more equitable share of property taxes across all classifications. We are concerned with creating an unsustainable budget with the proposed 54.9% of the RPT revenues generated from the visitor accommodation sector for FY22-23. If we are genuinely looking at diversifying our economy, the current trajectory of tax revenues will be unsustainable with the current overreliance on visitor industry tax revenues. We believe it is prudent to set up our county's future to be sustainable and look at equitable real property taxes.

High Property Values and Non-equitable Tax Rate: Maui County's economy is mainly powered by a strong visitor industry. Year after year, we see increases in our industry's real property values, resulting in more tax revenues being collected. This year's assessed values for hotels, timeshares, and short-term rentals have increased by \$2.1 billion and will provide \$234,364,033 in tax revenue for Maui County, an additional 25 million dollars from FY22 using the current tax rate. In addition, we have heard from some Council members that we should be level with other RPT rates paid in other Counties in the State. If there is to be a comparison of rates in other Counties, then all classifications should be reviewed – not just one tax classification. Other Counties have a fair and equitable share of taxes across all business classifications without Maui's huge disparities. The Maui County visitor industry provides 54.9% of RPT versus Kauai at 40.4%, City & County of Honolulu at 14%, and Hawaii at 3.3%. (See exhibit A) As shown in other Counties' RPT rates, we again ask for equitable taxes across all classifications.

Additional TAT Revenue from County TAT Collection:

Maui County now assesses an additional 3% TAT per room night (in addition to the State 10.25% TAT and State GET) projected to bring in \$60 million for Maui County. This \$60

million is an increase of \$36.5 million from the previous \$23.5 million in TAT funding provided by the State.

We respectfully request more equitable tax rates across all classifications for these reasons.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa H. Paulson", written in a cursive style.

Sincerely,
Lisa H. Paulson
Executive Director



TAX RATE COMPARISON BY COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Land Class	Maui FY23	Maui FY22	Honolulu FY23	Honolulu FY22	Hawaii FY23	Hawaii FY22	Kauai FY23	Kauai FY22
Residential			\$3.50	\$3.50			\$6.05	\$6.05
Tier 1 - Less than \$2,000,000 in net value					\$11.10	\$11.10		
Tier 2 - \$2,000,000 and more in net value					\$13.60	\$13.60		
Non-owner-occupied	\$6.61	\$6.13						
Tier 1 - up to \$800,000	\$6.00	\$5.45						
Tier 2 - \$800,001 to \$1,500,000	\$6.50	\$6.05						
Tier 3 - more than \$1,500,000	\$8.00	\$8.00						
Apartment	\$5.55	\$5.55			\$11.70	\$11.70		
Commercial	\$6.10	\$6.29	\$12.40	\$12.40	\$10.70	\$10.70	\$8.10	\$8.10
Industrial	\$7.05	\$7.20	\$12.40	\$12.40	\$10.70	\$10.70	\$8.10	\$8.10
Agricultural	\$5.94	\$5.94	\$5.70	\$5.70	\$9.35	\$9.35	\$6.75	\$6.75
Conservation	\$6.43	\$6.43	\$5.70	\$5.70	\$11.55	\$11.55	\$6.75	\$6.75
Hotel and Resort	\$10.40	\$11.75	\$13.90	\$13.90	\$11.55	\$11.55	\$10.85	\$10.85
Owner-occupied	\$2.34	\$2.44			\$6.15	\$6.15	\$3.05	\$3.05
Tier 1 - up to \$800,000	\$2.30	\$2.41						
Tier 2 - \$800,001 to \$1,500,000	\$2.40	\$2.51						
Tier 3 - more than \$1,500,000	\$2.71	\$2.71						
Timeshare	\$14.60	\$14.60						
Commercialized Res.	\$4.40	\$4.40	\$6.50	\$6.50			\$5.05	\$5.05
Short Term Rental	\$11.14	\$11.13						
Tier 1 - up to \$800,000	\$11.11	\$11.11						
Tier 2 - \$800,001 to \$1,500,000	\$11.15	\$11.15						
Tier 3 - more than \$1,500,000	\$11.20	\$11.20						
Long Term Rental	\$5.58							
Tier 1 - up to \$800,000	\$5.35	N/A						
Tier 2 - \$800,001 to \$1,500,000	\$5.95	N/A						
Tier 3 - more than \$1,500,000	\$8.00	N/A						
Vacation Rental							\$9.85	\$9.85
Vacant Agricultural			\$8.50	\$8.50				
Residential "A"								
Tier 1 - 1st 1M value			\$4.50	\$4.50				
Tier 2 - In excess of 1M value			\$10.50	\$10.50				
Residential Investor							\$9.40	\$9.40
Affordable Housing					\$6.15	\$6.15		

EXHIBIT A

RPT Generated By Visitor Industry in each County

		RPT	Visitor Units	RPT/Unit
C&C of Honolulu	\$	193,502,000	38,758	\$ 4,993
Hawaii	\$	11,965,000	10,615	\$ 1,127
Kauai	\$	63,626,000	9,160	\$ 6,946
Maui	\$	210,400,000	22,022	\$ 9,554
Hotel	\$	29,288,000		
Timeshare	\$	37,646,000		
Comm. Reside	\$	1,048,000		
Short-term R	\$	142,418,000		

**Maui Visitor Industry RPT is 17.5 times more than Hawaii County and
3.3 times more than Kauai County**

Maui Visitor Industry Generates 90% more RPT per unit than Oahu

Maui Visitor Industry Generates 108% of Oahu Revenues with 57% of the visitor units

Portion of County RPT provided by Visitor Plant

		Total RPT	Visitor Ind. RPT	
C&C of Honolulu	\$	1,379,569,000	\$ 193,502,000	14.0%
Maui	\$	383,236,000	\$ 210,400,000	54.9%
Hawaii	\$	363,587,000	\$ 11,965,000	3.3%
Kauai	\$	157,562,000	\$ 63,626,000	40.4%

Maui visitor industry provides a higher percentage of total County RPT than all the other counties combined

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Aloha,

I am a long-time resident of Maui; previously from Oahu. My husband, now deceased, was born and raised on Moloka'i. I am writing to implore you to not raise property taxes of residents presiding in their own homes. I have lived in this house since 1988 and have no intention of moving. My daughter and grandson, both working, were priced out of their rental home, and have moved in with me. I am a widow, retired from 40+ years teaching in a private parochial school and on a fixed income. Neighboring properties to my home have sold 4 to 5 times each in the past 30 years; most recently to Mainland buyers; increasing my taxes each time.

I am very worried that we are quickly losing Maui...the close community of residents who value and respect the aina; the culture; open space. We seem to be giving in to greed. I respect the council and have put faith in your ability to be innovative without sacrificing what we value the most.

Real affordable housing is all so important, but NOT at the expense of historic Wailuku Town. Please vote against this Starr development. There are other better areas for that. Look to San Juan Island Land Trust in Washington state as a good example of creating affordable housing and keeping the integrity of the island.

Please restrict and tax non residents that are buying homes they don't live in a majority of a year. Put some kind of cap on rental rates. Please be proactive for our people who live, work hard here, pay taxes and care about MAUI.

Mahalo for your attention to these issues.
Mary Reppun

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From: Rochelle Kapu <uilani.kapu@icloud.com>
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Aloha Council

My name is Ui'lani Kapu and I am the Lahaina Aha Moku Rep. for Maui.

I have had a meeting with some of our members and we would like this Adoption to go through.

Our town has been through enough dictation and havoc by people who know nothing of our island. People by property and within a few months either sell it to make a profit or turn it into a bed and breakfast or short term rental.

We should not allow anymore short term rentals, bed and breakfast and nonresidential.

We support tax rates for non residential, bed and breakfast, and short term properties.

Mahalo

Ui'lani Kapu

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Aloha,

I own a wonderful vacation rental in Maui.

I LIVE IN MAUI AND OWN MY HOME WITH A LARGE LONG MORTGAGE IN MAUI.

My vacation rental is my sole income as a semi retired person age 65 yrs old.

I take very good care of both properties mostly on my own without excess funds to hire help, workers, contractors, etc. to assist me. I have to be very patient about improving my home, which I purchased with many items that need attention and completion. The owner/builder of my home walked away from it before it was completed.

I love both of my properties on Maui. I raised my grown children on Maui and have been an active member of our community for over 25 years. I care very much about Maui. I teach guests how to considerably appreciate Maui while visiting. I treat my guests very well. My reviews reflect this.

I can barely afford the current very high cost of property tax on my rental property. It has doubled in the past few years. I cannot imagine how you can sustainably increase property tax rates on me and other vacation rental owners. ESPECIALLY LOCAL OWNERS THAT LIVE IN MAUI!

Please do not make my property taxes any higher than they already are using the current schedule of increases. Even those are very difficult to manage. I cannot raise my rates higher than they currently are and still insure a regular income.

Vacation rental or transient accommodation rental owners already pay 17.42% taxes extra beyond our property taxes. We also pay fees to our AOAO's for having guests and to organizations mandatory to participate in in our geographic area. If I am a legal vacation rental owner and feel stretched to the max with all I owe the state and county for my income property. I pay all that is asked of me with difficulty.

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTY TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mahalo,

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