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From: Yukilei Sugimura
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 2:07 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: FW: Support for displaced Lahaina wildfire survivors

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Subject: Support for displaced Lahaina wildfire survivors

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With deep gratitude,

Lillian Donahoe

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Subject: FW: Support proposed bill amendment to Chapter 3.48

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Monique Caintic

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From: Fernando Urbina <nano@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:09 PM
To: County Clerk
Cc: Fernando Urbina; Deb Orton
Subject: Testimony for December 5, 2023 Special Meeting

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Dear Madam or Sir,

I would like to submit the following statement for the Special Council Meeting on 12/5/2023 which will consider 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".

I learned about this meeting and the proposed changes to the ordinance through the MauiNow website. The newspaper article referred to plans to increase some property taxes:

"Mayor Bissen said he also intends to propose to the County Council an increase of property taxes for all short-term vacation rentals, timeshare units and non-owner-occupied properties assessed at over a million dollars that do not participate in this program designed to help Maui people secure housing."

While I avidly support helping Maui residents secure housing, I would like to call attention to a painful "quirk" of the Maui County Property Tax assessments as it refers to "Non-Owner Occupied" properties.

As background, my wife and I bought a house in West Maui in July of 2022, moved here in August of 2022, and became Hawaii residents on September 1, 2022. We are full time residents of Maui (and the state of Hawaii) and have no other houses or property. We pay Hawaii state taxes (part time resident for 2022, full time resident for 2023). We vote in the local, state, and federal elections. We are full time residents of Maui County, Hawaii and live in our one and only house here.

However, in terms of Maui County property taxes, we will not be able to pay "Owner-occupied" tax rates until July 2025, almost THREE full years after we became full time residents of Maui county. Because of how the ordinance is written, our home is considered Non-Owner-Occupied until January 1, 2025. Right now, we pay MORE THAN FOUR TIMES MORE property taxes than other owner-occupied Maui residents with a similar house because we don't yet "qualify" as "owner-occupied" (here in Maui—other Hawaiian counties do not have this quirk), and we will have no choice but to continue paying the hyper-inflated taxes for two more years (even though by then, we will have occupied our one and only house full time for three and a half years.)

I urge you to consider that there are really two classifications of Non-Owner-Occupied properties in Maui County and to exempt those properties in the second category from any additional tax burden:

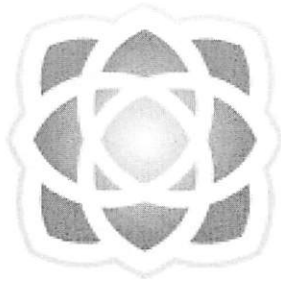
Category 1. Those properties that are truly non-owner occupied where the owners are only here part time and own property(s) outside Hawaii.

Category 2. Those properties, like ours, where the owners are full time residents and do not own any other homes (or reside outside the state of Hawaii), but cannot yet claim the homeowner exemption.

The Real Property Assessment Division considers these two categories the same (Non-Owner Occupied) because of the way the ordinance is written, but for all intents and purposes, those in Category 2 ARE owner occupied.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Fernando Urbina / Debra Orton
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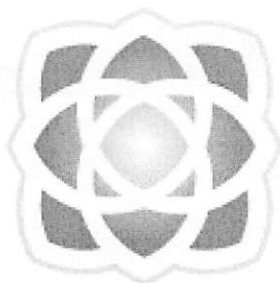
Bill 131
Relating to the August 2023 Wildfires Long-Term Rental Exemption
Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Sugimura and
Members of the Maui County Council,

We would like to share our comments on Bill 131 regarding the real property tax exemption for bed and breakfasts, short-term rentals, timeshares, and non-owner occupied properties. We all agree that we need housing solutions and a housing plan to get our displaced residents into more stable, long-term homes. We greatly appreciate that the Mayor's and Council's intent is to start with incentives and suggest that more be done in this direction to achieve this shared goal.

We would encourage the Council consider:

- Eliminating TAT for the properties who provide long-term housing as TAT no longer applies since these units will no longer be transient rentals during the course of this exemption.
- With the cost of mortgages, HOA/AOAO fees, property management, maintenance services, etc. the real property tax exemption and rent alone may not be enough to cover a unit's operating expenses and/or mortgage. As we have shared before, these properties are in prime locations and often include high-end amenities, making the mortgage and cost to maintain units significantly higher than in other residential areas and properties. We encourage the County to look at subsidies and ask that the County work with Red Cross and FEMA to ensure the rental fees paid are appropriate for these higher rate areas and bridge this gap.
- We strongly support the building of temporary housing units and know there are qualified developers on island who can put up rapid temporary homes, with kitchens and restrooms to keep families together, in a matter of weeks with county, state, and federal support. We strongly encourage the Council look at the amazing things that can be done with temporary modular housing and expedite the building of such units.
- We are not clear if this exemption is a wraparound program that will be done in addition to temporary housing or is meant to accommodate temporary housing needs. Either way, it appears to just cover January 1, 2024 to FY25 and we feel it should be extended, given the time it will take to build permanent units.
- Further, many of the units you seek to convert already have planned rentals into the next year, bringing in guests that we certainly want to encourage to come. By extending this exemption, property owners will still have the opportunity to house local families when their current rentals have passed.



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While we understand only the exemption is being discussed today, we are very concerned with the suggestion that taxes would be raised for those in these classifications who cannot provide long-term rentals for a myriad of valid reasons. While we believe these exemptions are a useful tool in the toolbox, the focus should be on completing a wholistic housing plan and including the many available alternative housing solutions.

Lastly, we are constantly hearing that people are deeply frustrated and concerned that they don't hear a strong housing plan moving forward and are tired of being moved about with little notice. This is an urgent need as people's health and mental health is at risk when their housing is insecure. We appreciate this option to help, but know there are many other options that can be quickly deployed. We stand ready to work with the Council, Administration, FEMA, Red Cross, development and construction industry, nonprofits, and others to get Lahaina families into longer term housing solutions until permanent homes and rentals can be safely rebuilt.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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From: Linda Jenkins <linda_m_jenkins@msn.com>
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Please vote to support the proposed changes. If Maui can convert just a small percentage of its short term vacation rentals to long term housing, this will go a long way toward solving our housing crisis. The truth is, we simply have too many short term vacation rental properties on Maui. Removing 15% of these from the available pool will not damage the economy. It will simply mean that occupancy rates will be higher. A shift of tourists back to hotels from condos or houses also benefits the economy as people will eat out at restaurants more which, in turn, helps employ more locals. A visit to Costco pre and immediately post fire shows just how many tourists stock up at Costco and therefore spend less at locally owned restaurants.

In recent years, buying a condo or home on Maui and vacation renting it was (and is) a very lucrative business for people who live on the mainland. Our tax rates are so low that this makes STVR's a sensible investment. But the damage this does to the availability of affordable long term rentals is big. Let's disincentive mainland people from investing in properties for Short term rental purposes. There is little to lose and lots to gain.

Vote to support this.

From: Charlotte Menze <charlotte.menze@live.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:54 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

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However, we recognize that the success of this legislation hinges on the creation of an adequate supply of housing. In the event that these efforts fall short, we urge the Council to consider a moratorium on short-term rental housing. Such a measure would be imperative to prevent a scenario where thousands of individuals are left without shelter upon the conclusion of non-congregate sheltering.

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Dear Council Members,

It

seems to me that offering tax incentives to people who rent their vacation rentals to those affected by the fire is a fine idea. Punishing those who do not opt for this is not a good idea. Property taxes on our condo have nearly tripled in the last three

years already. Why punish small property owners, rather than big hotels or timeshares?

This

one vacation rental is our retirement, and we have lived in Hawaii for over 30 years. We have owned our condo for 23 years. We currently have 28 reservations for next year. In order to convert to long term rental, we would have to refund thousands of dollars

in deposits and destroy our standing with our guests. How could we afford that?

We

would not make it financially without the vacation rental income and might end up losing our condo and home. And we are both in our 80's, so this feels like elder abuse as well. House someone who lost their home by making someone else lose theirs? How is

this in any way how a democracy is run? I know there is a lot of antipathy toward tourism in Maui, but many of our guests have contributed both financially and of their vacation time to help out the fire victims. It is so tiresome to be constantly vilified

by so many people and our governments when we add so much to the economy. Not only do we pay a massive amount of taxes, but our guests contribute greatly to the local economy.

Tax

loss to the county and state would be immense, and those funds could be used to provide other forms of housing. We currently pay the following in annual taxes on one 2-bedroom condo unit in Kihei:

Property tax: \$13,730

GETA taxes:

\$15,050

State Income tax:

\$ 6,324

Total:

\$35,104

Multiply

this by 2000 units and you have \$70 million you would be losing annually. And we really have to wonder where all that money is going to as it is! Why have our property taxes nearly tripled in 3 years? We see no added benefit to our state or county. Where

are the parks? Where are even the needed stop signs? Why hasn't the homeless problem been addressed with all this money? What has been done to mitigate the wildfires that we are now being punished for. Please explain before you take away our livelihood.

Our net income from this property is only about the same as what we pay in taxes. And now you want to take even more taxes? Does that seem fair to you?

Please

give this further consideration. We absolutely support finding ways to house those who lost their homes in the fire, but please don't punish us for it.

Sincerely,

Bob

Beaudry and Sande Greene, owners

Ocean

Breeze Hideaway

Kihei

From: danny boyd <dansterl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 10:31 AM
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Subject: Proposed change to Chapter 3.48 of the Maui County Code Re TVR-STRH at Dec. 5, 2023 council meeting

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Hello,

Can you please forward this to all council members for their consideration .

I am writing to you in the hopes you will vote against the proposed amendment regarding tax increases for short term rentals.

My parents purchased a Maui condominium in 1976 and I now own the unit with my sister.

I purchased another unit in 2018 .

My parents ,myself and my sister , our children and now our grandchildren have been coming to Maui as often as possible for 47 years . We don't take anyone's job or intrude on your medical system. All we do is spend money and enjoy Maui.

We are not speculators but truly a multi-generational family on Maui.

We rent our unit out when we are not there in order to be able to come there.

We feel terrible about what happened to Lahaina but it was out of or control .

We pay very high taxes and assumed the proper emergency controls were in place to minimize the tragic events that occurred with the fire.

We and hundreds of others donated to the go fund me pages and offered our units for short term accommodation to help out but now we need to pay our own bills as they continue to come every month.

I do not think it is fair to put the burden on only people who have short term rentals to make up any shortfall. If anything it should be spread across all property owners and not just one class of property.

If this is passed we may have to sell as we simply cannot afford any more large tax increases especially considering the low occupancies on Maui.

Also I'm sure we are not the only one's in this position and it will lead to a large number of owner's having to sell their homes which will lead to a decline in property values.

Please vote against this proposal as it is simply not fair to single out one class of property owner and we just cannot afford any more.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Kaeley Glasco <kglasco808@gmail.com>
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To Whom It May Concern,

The incentives to owners to rent to fire survivors could very well trigger random evictions of current tenants.

Understood that these displaced residents can not be out on the street! Absolutely not, it is inhumane.

To avoid current renters from trading places with the survivors, it is imperative that protections are firmly in place to safeguard housing for all residents. In the form of a concurrent 18-month Moratorium protections on rent increases and baseless evictions.

I support the STR ban and the Eminent domain rights of the State.

And a reversal of the 2,500 rental units allowed to operate without a permit.

Mahalo,
K. Glasco

Testimony on Bill 131 (2023) for the Maui County Council meeting of 5 Dec. 2023
by Dr. Marion G. Ceruti, Maui Resident
2 Dec. 2023

First of all, Aloha and Mahalo to the Maui County officials who have enabled me to present testimony.

Whereas our hearts, prayers, and acts of charity continue to support the unfortunate residents of our beloved Lahaina community who have been displaced by the awful fires that destroyed over 2,200 homes and businesses, Bill 131 (2023) is not the answer. It is an attempt to "kill two birds with one stone," the two birds being the twin problems of the housing shortage and the Maui County budget shortfall. Bill 131 (2023) has been hastily proposed and placed on a fast track, but it fails to account for characteristics of human nature. If you read between the lines, you can identify unintended consequences of this bill.

Bill 131 (2023) robs Peter to pay Paul because Peter can't necessarily vote in Maui County, but Paul can. Taxation without representation is inherently unfair, which is why Peter, who happens to care for the "golden goose," may pick up the goose and leave. The "golden goose" is tourism, which brings money into the state and county. The "golden eggs" are the taxes collected at the county and state levels, such as property tax, transient-accommodation tax, general-excise tax, and tourist-related business income taxes. Bill 131 (2023) would do nothing to increase the size or number of golden eggs, but it could decrease them.

Owners of short-term rentals (STRs) find themselves in the only one out of all twelve categories of county land-use classifications that has had six (6) consecutive years of increased tax-revenue generation. It is also the only land-use classification that has seen 6 consecutive years of increased assessed value in this period. The STR classification grew from 28% in FY2018-2019 to 40% of the total Real Property Tax revenue in 5 years. The trend of abusing those who are taxed at the highest rate without being represented in the government needs to stop. Keep strangling the goose laying the golden eggs, and you may very well, at some point, see a decline in golden eggs.

As much as we would like to diversify the Hawaiian economy away from tourism as its primary industry, we have failed to identify any other industry that would bring in a comparable revenue stream to sustain the county and state at the same level that tourism does today. You can't simultaneously love the golden eggs but abuse those who nurture the golden goose. This is unsustainable.

The projected aim of Bill 131 (2023) is to alter the behavior of owners of units engaged in short-term rentals (STRs) to rent long term to residents who have been displaced by Lahaina fires. Bill 131 (2023) may, in fact, modify behavior but not necessarily in the way that the bill's authors intended. When you squeeze the tube of

toothpaste, you intend the toothpaste to proceed from the top. However, if you repeatedly damage the tube, the toothpaste can ooze out of a crack in the bottom.

Similarly, STR owners can avoid yet another increase (squeeze) in their ever-skyrocketing property tax in at least three ways:

1. Rent their unit(s) for at least a year to people displaced in the Lahaina fires. This is like toothpaste expressed at the top of the tube.
2. Sell their unit(s) to avoid paying the tax increase. This is one way the toothpaste can ooze out of a crack in the bottom. The threat of higher taxation is not designed to increase the marketability of vacation rentals, with one unintended result being a decline in assessed property values.
3. Escape the stranglehold of taxation without representation by moving into their unit, ending the rental program, becoming a Maui resident, and filing for a homeowners exemption. This also is like toothpaste oozing from the bottom of the tube.

No one could offer a reasonable or rational argument that the fires in Lahaina were the fault of owners with STRs elsewhere in Maui County, but Bill 131 (2023) seeks to punish exactly those who "didn't do it." It is unrealistic and unfair to attempt to balance the Maui County budget on the backs of STR owners.

County leaders talk about "shared sacrifice" but who in the county government is willing to jump into the proverbial volcano?

The best and most successful leaders lead by example.

To implement this concept, the County of Maui should reduce spending to match anticipated reduced revenues, just like what all the rest of us have to do when we face a decline in income. We need to shrink the size of the county government by reducing or eliminating redundant departments, waste, and fraud wherever they occur. A good starting place is to eliminate at the county level what is already being done, or should be done, at the state and federal levels of government. Moreover, Maui County should save court costs by withdrawing the lawsuit against Hawaiian Electric. We Maui residents, including those displaced by the Lahaina fires, will end up paying ALL of these litigation costs—both plaintiff's costs in the form of higher taxes, and defendant's cost in the form of increased electricity rates.

The Grassroots Institute has determined that the housing shortage is caused, in large part, by the restrictive zoning laws and the complexity of the permit system. Fix these problems, put rebuilding Lahaina on the fast track, and you will see a rise in the number of dwellings that spring up out of the ashes like the rise of the Phoenix bird.

From: P Opal <popal99@hotmail.com>
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Subject: New Taxes Again?!?!? Comment for TUESDAY Meeting

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I am strongly against raising taxes for those who do not rent their properties long term!!

I live here full time and am in the process of obtaining residency. I have worked for 45 years and am now retired. I purchased a condo in Jan 2019 and have been remodeling it and creating home for myself prior to retiring on a fixed income.

I was incensed by the previous changes to the tax law which now determines MY taxes based on zoning. When I purchased here under the tax rules at that time, I could expect a reduction if I lived here at least 6 mos of the year which I planned to do until I could fully retire.

But YOU decided to tax me as if I am a short term rental, even though I have never had a permit for STR or rented out this condo for even a day.

I appealed and of course got nowhere, mostly because it took OVER A YEAR to even meet with the tax board so they just didn't care by that point and basically said "Shut up. Next!"

That tax law was finally ruled unconstitutional under both Hawaii and the US constitution in a lawsuit but did I or anyone else get a refund??? NOPE!!

Now you want to tax me even more if I don't become homeless so someone else can rent my condo ?!?!?!?

WTAF?!

I live here full time, it is my only home and I have no where else to go. Yet you plan to punish me with higher taxes because YOU changed the law to tax by zone, and then conveniently DOUBLED the value of my home which of course DOUBLED THE TAXES. I AM PAYING OVER \$16,000 A YEAR NOW!!!!!!!!!!
AND YOU WANT MORE??????????

You created thisess and let STRs run wild in this island and did nothing to stop it because you were getting your share thru other revenues spent by visitors on activities and fun.

I cannot make up for the loss of taxes from 2200 homes!! I cannot foot the bill to build 2200 new homes!!! I cannot make up for the loss of tax revenue due to Lahaina's destruction!!

Stop screwing the people who actually live here and start focusing on LLCs which own many units and run it as a corporation. Just check the agendas for all those appeals after the tax change, you'll see how many fall into this category. They won't care about a higher tax and will just build it into their new higher rates. And make even more money because the market will be restricted so they can charge what ever they want. Go after THEM!

Leave old ladies like me alone, we can't pay any more!! But we do generally have attorneys in the family who will take on issues like this for us pro bono. So next time I won't bother with a tax appeal, I'll go straight to lawsuit. Care to visit the Supreme Court again??

You might be thinking "get in line".

BUT Isn't it a terrible reflection on you, your administration, leaders, and staff, that so many residents are suing you and the island of Maui???

Believe me, if you're elected, this is the last term you will ever serve and you will be voted out of office. By a landslide. But you already know that and probably don't care.

If you're not elected and are "just doing your job", you should carefully consider your ethics and your personal beliefs before you back this type of blatant discrimination and abuse of power.

Next time they could come for you and your savings!

PK Opal

From: consuelo apolo-gonsalves <jezelyn40@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Mayor's proposal for short term rentals

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Aloha Chair Lee and Maui County Council, my name is Consuelo Apolo-Gonsalves it's been almost 4 months after the fire and I have been volunteering at the hub by the sheraton that has been runned by Na Aikane Center. It breaks my heart to know that lahaina residents after losing everything they have to live with if today will be the day they have to relocate but not know where? and some or most thinking their only choice is to relocate somewhere else cause they can't afford to live here idk what's going to happen please I beg of you to Please support short term rentals, non-owner occupied and timeshares that are willing to sign a one year lease with a displaced fire survivor with no property taxes and please include Councilmember Paltin's amendment or any other amendment that safeguards residents who are already renting whether their lease expires or not from being displaced by landlords wanting to take advantage of zero property taxes and may displace their existing tenants. Non-congregate sheltering is set to end February 10, 2024 and there are not enough rentals or other options for the displaced fire survivors to continue living here in West Maui, or even Maui island. This may not be a solution for all fire survivors but it could help some and as Mayor Bissen wants to give property owners a chance to help voluntarily, this will show who is willing to help and who will not. If not enough housing is created by this legislation, the next step needs to be a moratorium on short term rental housing because there won't be a way to build enough units with only approximately two months before non-congregate sheltering ends and thousands of people will be out on the streets.

Thank you very much

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Aloha Maui County Council,

We need to utilize our short term rentals for the residents that lost their homes. For years, these people have been profiting. I'm sorry that they will not longer be profiting during these trying times. I live in Kahoma Village and am displaced. Many of the people that bought in this area are 2nd home owners who visit their property every other month. This neighborhood was intended for the working people of west Maui and how sad that these home are empty so they have a second home to go to.

The issue is short term vacation rentals. If they do not want to comply, please start taxing these people heavily. Many states do this and many counties do not allow ownership if you are not a citizen of the country.

Also, west maui is becoming a playground for the rich. We went to park city, Utah for Christmas one year and my son ended up in the emergency room. It was so sad talking to the staff that was taking care of us when they said they could not afford to live in the place where they work. They mentioned many doctors, nurses and staff live 30 minutes or more away because to purchase a home is in the millions and many of these homes are for short term rentals for people to vacation. Something to think about... we are creating a playground for the rich and the working class cannot afford to live in the area they work. Uber was even hard because these drivers could not live there and once they left the area, you were shit out of luck.

Please take care of the people and don't let it be a playground for the rich. Yes, these short term rental owners are suffering but so is the people of the area. I'm not sorry they are suffering financially for a year or so. And if they decide to sell, maybe this will stabilize our home prices because they can no longer continually profit. Tell them to take their business elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Michelle Becker
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My aunty is staying at KBH till February 2024 and mind you she is an elder who had a stroke several years back and walks with a limp. She volunteers at the HUB to keep herself busy and not have to dwell on her situation. Her brother who is 83 has a hearing aid, has no car, and is currently housed at The Westin. By the grace of God, he was one of the lucky ones who weren't asked to move on November 30. These are my elders and there are many others who don't deserve to be moved from hotel to hotel to accommodate these dam haoles for profit. Our elders mindset was to live as long as God allows them to in their parents home that wasn't handed down on Front Street in Mala. It was generational for many of them and had this fire not happened we wouldn't be in this predicament. Had the government done their job, this fire could've been prevented. We need to put our displaced into longterm homes. Please be in support of signing the bill the Mayor had generated and let's get our Ohana into long term housing. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,

Leslie Jaramillo

From: Huy Duong <huy.q.duong@gmail.com>
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Hi,

I am a TVR owner. I am not wealthy by any means, I only bought this place because it was my wife's dream that we bought this from the Life insurance Money when my wife had cancer while my children were 3 and 1. We bought in Kapalua where my wife and I were married.

I am barely making enough to pay the mortgage and the fees associated with renting from TVR. Please do not punish us by raising rates for TVR. I believe we should incentivize but not punish through taxation. I have housed locals at my condo before the Red Cross taken over. The rhetoric going around is disheartening for someone who really wants to help the community where I can. I understand the humanitarian part of this, however we can't be the Boogey man that everyone goes after when housing is brought up.

What I do suggest, and this works out based on paper napkin math. Charge 20 dollars per night for hotels and STRs to every tourist. We can get everyone on board for this. We can call it the "Maui recovery fund". Every 20 rooms rented per night will easily pay a TVR owner. Use that money to pay the STR rates for locals displaced by the fire for STRs renting to fire displaced victims. This way you keep property management company employees hired, keep the economy going. Tourist will not mind 100 dollars for their stay to help the displaced victims. Across thousands of hotel nights, this is achievable and everyone wins.

You can also market this, come to Maui, every night you stay, you help pay for housing for a fire victim.

Please think outside the box and let's stop attacking the TVR owners.

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From: Tony Villaran <tvillaran5@gmail.com>
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Mahalo

From: Tom Jinks <tj95037@yahoo.com>
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Dear Honorable Mayor and County Council Members,

I am writing in response to the proposed 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"

I am in support of offering an incentive to property owners, in the form of property tax suspensions, if said property owners choose to house Lahaina fire survivors. This could be a potential positive program for many.

In Mayor Bissen's original proposal, there was language proposing punitive action (in the form of property tax increases) against those property owners who chose not to rent long term to Lahaina fire survivors. It is good to see that language is not included in the current bill proposal. There is no place for punitive action against property owners who exercise their legal right to choose. That sort of action would only create more division in our community. We should all share in the burdens and responsibilities of rebuilding and caring for the future of our community. Let's not single out a group and attempt to force them to "do more".

Incentives will always be better received than punishments. Let's keep it moving toward the positive.

Respectfully,

Tom Jinks
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Lahaina

From: Catherine D <hawaicatherine@gmail.com>
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Hello,

In regard to bill 131 I'd like to add the following comments:

1. I do think it's good that you are looking for ways to convert short term rentals into long term rentals, even if it is only for 18 months. I generally think that Maui, and every county in Hawaii, needs to figure out ways to reduce short term renting, because we don't have enough space to build our way out of the dire housing shortage. Can we phase out STR permits over time? Can we be more proactive about identifying illegal units and cracking down on those?
2. Do the payments for STRs converting to LTRs need to be so lucrative? The tax break incentive seems like enough, and monthly rent payments should be more in line with HUD payments for units of various sizes. If you pay such exorbitant amounts for monthly rent, those that are already LTR owners are going to also want to raise their rents or be angry that only STR to LTR conversions get compensated so well.
2. One thing I hear repeatedly from STR owners is they are scared to convert to LTR because of the eviction moratorium and fear of what happens at the end of 18 months, as well as what recourse do they have if tenants are unruly, cause excessive damage, or refuse to vacate after 18 months. I also know of current LTR owners who are holding their units off the market because the eviction moratorium creates a fear of having no good legal way to end a Landlord-Tenant relationship. I think that if you removed the eviction moratorium, it would alleviate some of the concerns about elevated risks with renting long term. There would still be protections for both tenants and landlords as part of the Landlord-Tenant code, which looks after the rights of both parties more equally.

Thank you for your hard work regarding this very difficult issue.

Catherine

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Aloha,

" We have one chance to get it right," to quote Archie Kalepa. You either have a place on the West side for Lahaina residents to live, or you do not. The choice is clear, and requires bold steps on the part of County Council

Bill 131 is a heartening step forward for the council. It certainly will not gut the tourism economy. Approval of this Bill will guarantee that you are remembered as a council that stood up for the locals during challenging times. And locals are the ones voting.

I have been a resident of Maui for 12 years. Our home is just north of the burn zone in Lahaina.

Please vote yes on Bill 131.

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Dear Maui County Council Members,

I live in Seattle, but I have spent many wonderful trips visiting my friends and family in Maui, where my grandparents are from. We know the island is still reeling from the devastation of the August 8th Lahaina Fire, with the overwhelming grief of loss coinciding with the reality of displacement for so many Lahaina locals. **We urge you to support Mayor Bissen's recently proposed bill amendment to Chapter 3.48 (Bill 131) to make short-term rentals available for displaced wildfire survivors. We urge you to advocate and fight for dignified interim housing for fire survivors. The people of Lahaina need you.**

Lahaina is home to over 12,000 vacation and short-term rental units, many of which currently operate without the required permits but have been legally allowed to function under the Minatoya list exemption; these properties represent an untapped resource for the Lahaina community's recovery efforts.

This enactment would offer a dignified and community-centered solution that promotes healing and recovery. It would advance the welfare of the community, and promote the wellbeing of all Lahaina residents. This policy decision would provide space and time for those impacted by the fire to heal and rebuild their lives, and would send a message to the broader community and beyond that Hawai'i is a united and resilient archipelago of hope and strength.

As council members, you possess the legal authority to make this transformation a reality, and by doing so, you act in the best interests of our countrymen in the Lahaina community. We stand in deep support of Lahaina's healing and rebuilding, and follow the lead of the many incredible local organizations tirelessly advocating for dignified housing solutions. We know that if local families are displaced and forced to leave, so does the deep culture and community they have cultivated for generations. Thank you for your consideration.

With deep gratitude,

Sydney Holman

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From: Carol Simmons <carolsimmons10@aol.com>
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Mahalo,

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To whom it may concern:

My wife and I own a one-bedroom vacation rental in the Kapalua Golf Villas complex. We bought it in May of 2022, around the time when real estate prices peaked. We have been losing money every month since the fire. That's life -- we understand that. For its part, I hope the County understands that we are just a private, middle class family. We bought a real estate investment in hopes that it would help to finance our eventual retirement. We're better off than most of the displaced residents of Lahaina but we're not in a position to absorb substantially larger losses.

Whatever you decide at Tuesday's meeting, we hope you will not subsequently resort to extreme measures such as banning short-term rentals. That could turn our investment into a financial disaster. We're willing to bear a portion of the cost of recovering from the fire, but please don't try to solve Maui's housing crisis by singling out vacation rental owners like ourselves.

-Jim Olness
415-987-5867

Dear Maui County, Representatives,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen's proposed bill aimed at incentivizing short-term rental owners to provide temporary housing to those affected by the devastating wildfires on August 8, 2023.

The proposed amendment to the County Code, which exempts short-term vacation rentals, timeshares, and non-owner-occupied housing from paying real property taxes when rented to residents displaced by the wildfires, is a commendable initiative. I believe this approach not only addresses the urgent housing needs of the victims but also promotes a sense of community and shared responsibility during this challenging time.

Mayor Bissen's emphasis on shared sacrifice and community support is particularly noteworthy. Offering a tax waiver to property owners who make their units available to disaster-impacted families encourages a collaborative effort to rebuild lives and communities. This approach reflects a compassionate and practical solution to the exacerbated housing crisis caused by the wildfires.

Moreover, the bill's provision of property tax exemptions for those participating in the program from February 20, 2024, through June 30, 2025, demonstrates a commitment to supporting affected residents through an extended period of recovery. Given the potential years-long rebuilding process for structures lost in the blazes, this timeframe is crucial for ensuring sustained assistance to those in need.

The proposal's consideration of the financial implications for property owners who choose not to participate is a fair and effective way to encourage widespread support. By increasing property taxes for owners of properties assessed at over \$1 million who opt not to provide housing for displaced victims, the bill aligns with the principle that those with more resources should contribute proportionately to the recovery efforts.

The magnitude of the housing crisis in Maui County, with thousands of displaced residents and the destruction of affordable housing units, necessitates bold and innovative solutions. Mayor Bissen's proposal acknowledges the pressing need for immediate action and, if approved by the County Council, has the potential to make a significant impact on the lives of those affected.

As the bill is set to be discussed at the Dec. 5 County Council meeting, I urge all council members to support this vital initiative. By doing so, we can collectively contribute to the recovery and resilience of Maui County in the aftermath of this tragic event.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that the County Council will recognize the importance of this proposal in addressing the urgent housing needs of the wildfire victims.

Sincerely,

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Maui County Clerk,

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We extend our warmest greetings and appreciation for your dedicated service to the community. As Lahaina residents and concerned supporters, we come together to urge your support for crucial measures related to short-term rentals, non-owner occupied properties, and timeshares in addressing the housing crisis faced by displaced fire survivors.

We kindly request your support of the proposal allowing these accommodations to enter into a one-year lease agreement with displaced fire survivors, exempting them from property taxes during this period. Additionally, we emphasize the importance of incorporating Councilmember Paltin's proposed amendment, along with any other measures that safeguard existing tenants. This includes protection against displacement, whether their leases have expired or not, ensuring that landlords do not exploit the zero property tax incentive at the expense of current residents.

With the scheduled conclusion of non-congregate sheltering on February 10, 2024, the urgency of this matter cannot be overstated. The shortage of available rentals and alternative housing options poses a severe challenge for displaced fire survivors, particularly here in West Maui and across the entire island. While we acknowledge that this proposal may not be a comprehensive solution, it can provide substantial relief to some individuals grappling with the aftermath of the fires.

Aligning with Mayor Bissen's vision to encourage property owners to contribute voluntarily, this initiative serves as a litmus test to identify those willing to assist in times of crisis. By

fostering a community-driven response, we can discern who is prepared to step forward and offer support when it is needed the most.

However, we recognize that the success of this legislation hinges on the creation of an adequate supply of housing. In the event that these efforts fall short, we urge the Council to consider a moratorium on short-term rental housing. Such a measure would be imperative to prevent a scenario where thousands of individuals are left without shelter upon the conclusion of non-congregate sheltering.

In conclusion, we implore the Maui County Council to prioritize and expeditiously pass legislation that addresses the pressing housing needs of displaced fire survivors. Your support in this matter is critical to preventing homelessness and fostering a sense of community resilience during these challenging times.

Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

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Aloha,

I am a Lahaina Fire victim. My husband and I lost our home, my acupuncture office in Dickenson Square and my husband's workshop for surfboard building back in Wili Ko Place. We are devastated. Fortunately we have housing only because our good friends in their good conscience have rented us their STR, a one bedroom condo located at Napili Ridge for \$2200 a month which just covers their mortgage and HOA's. WE GOT LUCKY! When I consider the extreme grief and sadness, sleeplessness, anxiety, early on breathing issues, difficulty swallowing, daily crying that I have experienced as a result of this disaster and losing everything, I can not even begin to imagine what my fellow community member s are experiencing while now facing homelessness or being forced to leave there generational community as a result of the greed that sits before us. The system here with the Minatoya properties is broken.

"Minatoya" Condominiums in the Apartment District: These condominiums are grandfathered for STR use by the "Minatoya opinion letter. 30 There were 7,143 as of April 2022.31

The grandfathering of these properties and allowing for even more permits outside of the hotels & timeshares has destroyed the housing market for the workforce. I am part of the workforce, my husband is part of the workforce. By definition, you are all part of the workforce. WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LIVE???

SECONDly, where is the enforcement for illegal STRS. Companies like Airbnb and VRBO have absolutely ruined the housing market worldwide and allowed greedy people to get rich off selling out in residential communities. This needs to change. I agree, we need tourism to sustain our economy. Drive them all into the hotels and timeshares where they belong. Not up in the residential neighborhoods, Kauai banned them, north shore Oahu banned them, Incline village in Lake Tahoe banned them. The county and state has an obligation to the fire victims to fix this. I strongly support banning STR's in West Maui for 12 months. By allowing outside interests to continue coming in and having opportunities to purchase a Minatoya property and create an income from it, is taking opportunities for housing away from your work force. Please do what is right for the fire victims.

Mahalo,

Sandra Ignacio

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My husband and I along with our 3 adult cats have been living in a hotel since the day of the fire, unable to secure affordable and dignified housing that allows animals. We refuse to leave our pets behind. They are part of our family, I was fortunate enough to get them out and we will do whatever we need to keep them with us.

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Perhaps you could call on President Biden's promise of helping the residents of Maui who survived the firestorms with just their lives. Encourage him to PLEASE help in KEEPING the residents in most need ON MAUI. WE WILL LOOK HORRIBLE AS AN ISLAND, AS A COUNTY, AS A STATE AND AS A NATION TO AGAIN LEGISLATE THE MEANS PROMOTE YET MORE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVING TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMELANDS. WE MUST PUT AN END TO THIS PROCESS - (this political and social tool?) TO SHOW THE WORLD OUR GOVERNMENT - AT ALL LEVELS - IS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE.

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Although we'll intentioned I am not in favor of this proposal.

Short term rental owners through no fault of their own are being vilified and this is not pono. I have an owner who lives on Maui and depends on her rental for her income. So now we are punishing our kupuna?

Immediately after the fire the county should have acted quickly to organize Tiny Home Villages knowing how long recovery would be even based on Paradise fire.

I've personally been in contact with modular container home supplier who could supply 2bdr with kitchen and bath. Shipped around 60k. No reply to emails from some council members and request for a meeting last week for one council member had no reply to date.

This proposal of tax penalty I do not think is legal and would result in potential lawsuits and more bad feelings on Maui.

I do not believe the county has mailed or called any short term owners to even ask them what their overhead is and to reach out in Aloha instead of painting them in such a bad light. If they were subsidized like the hotel industry has been more doors surely would be opened.

The governors proposal to incentive is a better solution without tax penalty or infringement of personal property rights.

Points for reasons against also would be the following:

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2. The Bill does not say how much the LTR rent will be or if and how the difference between the LTR rent and the presumably significant amount the owner was receiving for their STR will be made up now that it's an LTR, if at all.

3. The clear indication from what the Mayor and the Governor have said publicly and from the comments coming from the administration and the Council, the intent is to penalize any owner of a STR dwelling who does not convert their STR to LTR under this program.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

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Subject: Housing for the displaced

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Please support short term rentals, non-owner occupied and timeshares that are willing to sign a one year lease with a displaced fire survivor with no property taxes and please include Councilmember Paltin's amendment or any other amendment that safeguards residents who are already renting whether their lease expires or not from being displaced by landlords wanting to take advantage of zero property taxes and may displace their existing tenants. Non-congregate sheltering is set to end February 10, 2024 and there are not enough rentals or other options for the displaced fire survivors to continue living here in West Maui, or even Maui island. This may not be a solution for all fire survivors but it could help some and as Mayor Bissen wants to give property owners a chance to help voluntarily, this will show who is willing to help and who will not. If not enough housing is created by this legislation, the next step needs to be a moratorium on short term rental housing because there won't be a way to build enough units with only approximately two months before non-congregate sheltering ends and thousands of people will be out on the streets.

Mahalo,

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Subject: In desperation regarding Bill 131

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To whom it may concern,

I am a 25 year member of the Lahaina community. On August 8th, I lost my home, job and pets in the Maui wildfires. I was being housed at the Westin and was evicted along with 200 other people to make room for tourists. I was relocated to Kahului, a town I'm not familiar with and without a vehicle, I'm completely separated from my community and those I love. This greatly adds to my depression. The only chance I have to get back to West Maui, is if there is housing available to rent! Hotels in Kaanapali are no longer an option for me. We've been placed in Kahului and pretty much forgotten about. I was a volunteer for Maui Humane Society caring for the animals still in the burn zone. It broke my heart to have to leave the job as I was forced from my town and support system. I plead with you to please convert short term rentals to long term rentals so the people of Lahaina stand a chance to rebuild our lives and be close enough to help rebuild our town.

Mahalo,
Lisa Jones

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I have been a resident of Lahaina for 53 years. I have worked in the hospitality business for at 50 of those years. I have seen Lahaina turn into something that does not lend to the character and substance of the Aloha with the multiple hotels that have been built and now in the past 15 years the private vacation rentals that consists of mainland owners reaping from the tourist industry and do not really care about our Aina. On August 20th, I walked away from my 32 year job at Honokeana Cove as the rental manager of 30 condos. The reason being was because of the non-concern that was expressed to me from the owners (mainland) of Honokeana. They did did not have any compassion for what we locals were going through. Their being concern was to reopen and bring in money to line their pockets. I do not believe that lining their mainland pockets actually help with our economy and well being of our local people. There is not enough homes to fill the need of all of the survivors who lost their homes. The powers the be need to take control and start helping the people who put them in office...and that was not the mainland owners.

mahalo for your time,

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I'm begging you to house us Lahaina folks. I've called Lahaina my home for 35 years and I don't want to be forced out of the west side or off island.

You can help by taking ONLY the STR's in non-resort zoning, the residential areas and turn them

Back into long term rentals so I can find a new home. I'm so exhausted mentally & emotionally having to move every 28 days, not knowing where you're going next or how long you can stay. We didn't ask for any of this. I'm seeing a breakdown amongst the people. The stress is causing more trauma than we've already been through. I hear folks desperate stories. I myself am a walking testimony being I narrowly escaped the fires with my life due to a number of mistakes made by state officials . We didn't ask for this. We are begging you. Help us get some stability back into our lives. You can make this happen. They should NEVER have been in residential areas in the first place.

RIGHT this WRONG

You have the power to do it.

I as a 35 year Lahaina tax paying resident am empling you to do the right thing. Be PONO! That's all we ask. Let us have back all the rentals in residential areas, it's the right thing to do & it would eliminate all the stress we ALL have. I know this isn't easy for y'all either scrambling to figure out what to do BUT this ask.... Is a viable solution and the right thing to do

Mahalo Nui Loa

Gayle Shufeldt

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Our community remains at risk and yet gracefully continues to fight because they truly believe the spirit of aloha can be embodied STILL. May the message sent be clear and uplifting.

Mahalo for your time

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Rob Jones

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Lahaina , Hawaii 96761

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Leah Pyle

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to myself or my family.

Leah Pyle

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Dear Maui Council Members,

I am writing you all to share my distress over the potential vote to mandate the use of my Maui home for the displaced Fire Survivors. Or, to increase my taxes should taking my home not be a viable option for us.

I have been a member of the Maui community for over 33 years and grew up on Oahu as a child. I spent my teenage years in Haleiwa. I came to Maui in the 80's when my husband's brother moved here with his best friend, who still calls Maui home and also lost everything during the fires. In the time we have lived here we have contributed upwards of \$300,000 in property taxes that supports this community.

My heart breaks for those who have lost everything during one of the worst catastrophes in US history. But, to put the burden of solving the housing situation on those of us who worked very hard to maintain a place in Maui seems misplaced.

I don't profess to know what the answers are but taking from one group to give to another group is not the right answer. Sometimes being so close to the situation makes for bad decisions. I implore you to make a different decision during this upcoming vote.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Bellows

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My family and I lived in / on our generational home/property. We own our property down on Front Street and lost everything, nothing could be recovered everything burned to the ground and into ashes. Now we're facing the challenges of being moved around hotel to hotel with NO advance notices. STRESS LEVEL 🤯 %.

Let's REMEMBER before all this happened everyone didn't live this way!!!

There needs to be a better SOLUTION and taking care of our community/people.

There's been monies donated to HELP Maui use it to build homes for us/displaced community....**

I pray 🙏 that you'll find it in your heart and do the RIGHT thing for our DISPLACED Lahaina Community!!

HOLIDAYS is around the corner and we should be with our love ones enjoying every moment with one another, NOT having to be kicked out from our hotels during the holidays.

WE NEED LONGTERM RENTALS.....

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Daphne Lukela

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Aloha Chair Lee and Maui County Council,

Please support short term rentals, non-owner occupied and timeshares that are willing to sign a one year lease with a displaced fire survivor with no property taxes and please include Councilmember Paltin's amendment or any other amendment that safeguards residents who are already renting whether their lease expires or not from being displaced by landlords wanting to take advantage of zero property taxes and may displace their existing tenants. Non-congregate sheltering is set to end February 10, 2024 and there are not enough rentals or other options for the displaced fire survivors to continue living here in West Maui, or even Maui island. This may not be a solution for all fire survivors but it could help some and as Mayor Bissen wants to give property owners a chance to help voluntarily, this will show who is willing to help and who will not. If not enough housing is created by this legislation, the next step needs to be a moratorium on short term rental housing because there won't be a way to build enough units with only approximately two months before non-congregate sheltering ends and thousands of people will be out on the streets.

Mahalo

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From: Tamara A. Paltin
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Dear Members of the Maui County Council –

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As a long-time visitor to Maui, I understand and support efforts to create affordable housing for those displaced by the Lahaina fire. However, my unit has been designed and outfitted for short-term occupancy, not long-term rental. This new bill would unfairly penalize me for the investments I have made.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dever
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With all this being said examples that we are dealing with is month to month extensions. which we are totally grateful for but the not knowing that we continue to wonder day by day minute by minute is overwhelming. So to be able to at least get a 1 year lease contract from these short term rentals that are available would be tremendously appreciated and a stress relief for all family's.

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My family and I lost our house on Ainakea Rd. in Wahikuli. We have been staying in hotels in Kaanapali due to not being able to find affordable housing on the west side. I understand moving to the other side of the island is an option however my children are currently attending Lahainaluna High school. My oldest son is a senior so moving schools is not an option for him. My sister is a counselor at Lahainaluna high school and my brother-in-law works as a construction worker for the union on the west side. I'm a nurse at Maui medical center. My entire family are working class of the Lahaina community. With all the price increase for long term rentals, we have not been able to find a decent priced rental on the west side to accommodate my family. I spoke with a property owner in Kahana that wanted to charge \$13,000/mo for a 3 bedroom/3bathroom rental. This is unacceptable! We do currently have a mortgage to pay and then also looking at trying to pay for an overpriced rental. If some of these short-term rentals are not removed from the market it's going to run the entire Lahaina community out of the west side. Once the community of working class citizens is ran out what happens from there! Tourists should be staying in hotels not the locals and residents. We are staying at the Hyatt which we are thankful to have a roof over our head. However, living in a one room hotel room without a kitchen with two teenagers has many challenges if you can only imagine.

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Leah Pyle

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to myself or my family.

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From: Rob Jones <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Aloha Chair Lee and Maui County Council,

Please support short term rentals, non-owner occupied and timeshares that are willing to sign a one year lease with a displaced fire survivor with no property taxes and please include Councilmember Paltin's amendment or any other amendment that safeguards residents who are already renting whether their lease expires or not from being displaced by landlords wanting to take advantage of zero property taxes and may displace their existing tenants. Non-congregate sheltering is set to end February 10, 2024 and there are not enough rentals or other options for the displaced fire survivors to continue living here in West Maui, or even Maui island. This may not be a solution for all fire survivors but it could help some and as Mayor Bissen wants to give property owners a chance to help voluntarily, this will show who is willing to help and who will not. If not enough housing is created by this legislation, the next step needs to be a moratorium on short term rental housing because there won't be a way to build enough units with only approximately two months before non-congregate sheltering ends and thousands of people will be out on the streets.

Mahalo

Deidre RuizRockett

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From: Jonathan Zinsmeyer <jzinsmeyer@gmail.com>
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My wife and I are permanent residents in Kahana. I believe that bill 131 , changing STR to LTR is the best solution for the LTR issue we have here. No decision or choice is going to be easy, but we need to take of our ohana.

It's a short term solution to a longer term problem, but it should have a cap term, yet that term should be at least 36-48 months.

Please do not shut the door on our community and only open it to those who visit here and who really to not care for us after they leave.

If you don't live here your not paying income tax either (talking about mainland owners who live off island 6+ months or year), something that others forget but we all have to pay, granted the STR pay an inflated proportion tax rate but as they should regardless.I cause they have made their asset a income stream.

Just stand up for us, we are the ones who pay the taxes, live here all year, and vote. We are not second class and those who lost their homes should be the priority.

Ma ka pono,

Jon & Guacolda Zinsmeyer

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I am born and raised here in Lahaina and hold this place dear to my heart. I refuse to live anywhere else but here. They say home is where the heart is and Lahaina is just that. Please support short term rentals, non-owner occupied and timeshares that are willing to sign a one year lease with a displaced fire survivor with no property taxes and include Councilmember Paltin's amendment or any other amendment that safeguards residents who are already renting whether their lease expires or not from being displaced by landlords wanting to take advantage of zero property taxes and may displace their existing tenants. If not enough housing is created by this legislation, the next step needs to be a moratorium on short term rental housing because if it doesn't happen many people will be living on the streets.

Mahalo,
Jezelyn Gonsalves

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From: Karen Comcowich <kcomcowich@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:52 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of BILL 131 RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

Please support Bill 131, exempting housing units that have entered into a one-year lease agreement with displaced fire survivors from property taxes during this time of need. However, it is essential to incorporate Councilmember Paltin's proposed amendment to safeguard existing tenants, ensuring that landlords do not exploit the zero property tax incentive at the expense of current residents. Protection against displacement, whether leases have expired or not, is important to the stability of our community island-wide.

The shortage of available rentals and housing options poses a challenge for all island residents but is especially acute for displaced fire survivors, especially on Lahaina side. This exemption rewards property owners who have helped the West Maui community during this time.

In addition, please institute a moratorium on short-term rentals in apartment zoning (a.k.a. the Minatoya list). These units do not have permits nor zoning for vacation rental, but are simply renting under a Maui land-use ordinance that doesn't prohibit vacation rentals.

Mahalo for your dedication to our community,
Karen Comcowich
Lahaina, HI

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Dear Maui County Council,

As a resident and owner of a Short term vacation rental (STVR) I am opposed to the new Bill by Mayor Bissen to incentivize owners of STVR's to rent long term and then to punish those that do not by significantly increasing taxes on STVR properties.

It is a challenging situation but this bill has too many negative effects rather than positive. This bill is meant to be a 12-18 month solution and only pushes the problem of shortage of housing down the road.

I can't imagine that the individual owners are going to sign up for this program - there are too many variables and unknowns, including, possibly most importantly: where will the renters go after the 12 -18 months are up??

Offering \$5000 0-1 bedroom may sound generous at first but it is giving full reign for all rents to be raised to these levels and price gouge everyone out of Maui. It will raise the overall rental market price to making it unaffordable for normal people to live here.

By not having the STVR's 13.25% tax income this will result in a short fall of tax money.

By not having the property operating as a STVR it will also impact all the services, cleaners, tourism etc.

Many properties are not making a profit from their STVR but rather covering cost to operate.

Increasing property taxes (which are already the highest) on STVR's properties that do not sign up is unfair while Maui's resorts are the lowest in the state.

Maybe a massive increase in property taxes for the hotels is in order then.

By turning a STVR from a short term rental to a long term rental what is to happen to future reservations already on the calendars? Is one to cancel future bookings of repeat guests? Maui STVR's have already taken hit from reduced bookings caused by the mistaken "don't come to Maui" after the fire.

This tragedy didn't just happen in Lahaina, it has impacted all of us in some way and we are already sharing in the burden or "shared sacrifice".

This solution proposed is another huge economic issue being produced for all of Maui.

Where is the solid plan of housing after the 12-18 months?

Sincerely,

Jodi Orosz
Kihei, HI

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Aloha. My name is Kirk.

I'm native of Maui and our family has been in Lahaina for generations. I now live in California.

I'm not discounting, one bit, what fire survivors are going through. Many are friends. But, the general tone in the community concerns me.

The general tone is that legal STRs should be willing to operate at a loss or should be punished. Legal STR owners are being characterized as rich and greedy (I'm neither rich nor greedy. I'm a reasonable and responsible businessman from Maui).

The truth is many of us (legal STR owners) open heartedly donated our places to provide shelter since the fire.

Here's the reality. STRs are businesses and need to generate revenue, above the break even, to continue to exist.

My wife and I worked hard for decades, saved up and bought a small place in Napili last July.

Our complex has been a legal STR/resort for 50 years! It's NEVER been long term housing for locals...never.

We paid over \$800k for 600 sq ft. which is much higher than a comparable long term rental home. The property was openly for sale, so a local family could have purchased it, but they didn't. They didn't because it is too small and too expensive for anything other than what it has been for 50 years... a legal vacation rental.

Our monthly cost (without a mortgage) is over \$4,000/mo. This amount is just the HOA, property taxes, assessments, utilities and maintenance.

Put aside getting a return on our investment, the only way to break even is to generate at least \$4,000/mo.

To get just a 6% annual return on our cash investment of \$800,000, we need to generate an additional \$4,000/mo.

That's a total of \$8,000/mo. to achieve covering our real costs and to generate a small return on our cash invested.

The only way to generate \$8,000/mo. is to rent our place out everyday of the year for \$263.00 per day plus taxes and cleaning. Adding taxes and cleaning the daily rate is closer to \$300/night. The only way to do make this work is to rent to visitors.

Legal STRs are similar to hotels. They are businesses that required real dollar investments and have real ongoing costs of ownership.

I'm writing you because you represent the people of Lahaina but you also represent all of us... the hotel operators and the legal STR owners. You represent me.

If we are forced to operate at a loss by being coerced into taking less rent than our break even or face the threat of potentially being robbed of our right to rent our place place to visitors, our monthly costs will pile up. How would you expect us to survive that? We couldn't. It's extortion of sorts.

Again, Hotels and legal STRs are businesses and need to generate revenue, above their break even, to continue to exist.

We donated our places as long as we could. The place was either donated or vacant for 3 months due to the emergency orders. The costs have piled up. At the same time, we have personally donated a significant amount of cash to Maui Strong and we have donated our time at Napili Park. Just because we invested our nest egg on Maui but don't live here full time, we are not bad people.

It seems that you want to leave us with a limited choice:

1. Accept to operate our vacation rental at a loss or you'll punish us financially by increasing our operating costs (property taxes) and/or you'll take away my right to rent my property to visitors (rental moratorium).
2. Agree to cancel my future existing reservations (which will help offset my losses that piled up during the emergency orders) or you'll punish me financially by increasing operating costs (property taxes) and/or take away my right to rent my property to visitors.

3. Agree to surrender my right to enjoy my personal property for 18 months or longer or you'll punish me financially through increasing my operating cost (property taxes) and/or take away my right to rent my property to visitors.

This whole proposal seems like an “end of rope” reaction to the deteriorating situation in Lahaina for the 6,000 people still in hotels. But it's not right to force, threaten, punish STRs in the process.

This is a radical proposal to “solve” some people's problems quickly but by doing so, it will cause major financial problems for other people, like me.

If some STRs can afford to do this, great! But those who can't/won't, shouldn't be threatened or punished in any way.

My ask is that you please make sure that we all get a fair shake and the whole story/truth is promoted and considered while making the difficult decisions ahead. Our collective interests are intertwined but legal STRs are not the problem. We are real people who have invested real money and have real costs.

Thank you for your service and your time.

Mahalo.

Kirk

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From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:54 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Fwd: bill 131 please read

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From: Marsha Roberts <marshadroberts@hotmail.com>
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To: Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>
Subject: bill 131 please read

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Dear Ms. Paltin,

I am writing to plead with you to NOT support proposed Bill No 131 amending Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, relating to the August Long Term Rental Exemption.

I recently closed escrow on the retirement home of my dreams. I am single female physician and have recently spent my entire life savings to purchase a place to call home in Maui when I retire in 10 years. I closed escrow one month before the August fires. My plan is to use short term rentals to pay the \$11,000+ monthly mortgage and taxes. If this bill passes, not only will owners like me be forced to sell because of exorbitant taxes on top of costly mortgages due to high interest rates, removal of short-term rentals will also drive tourists away from Maui to other places offering short term rentals and lower priced hotel rates like Fiji, Mexico or the Caribbean. It will absolutely demolish tourism in Maui now and for years to come. This bill would be a huge mistake for the future lives of Maui residents. Maui residents are loving, kind, and resilient. The entire nation empathizes with the need to house residents impacted by the fires but displacing homeowners who provide a place for tourists to stay while they spend money on the island is a BAD business plan and will be a disaster for the island of Maui.

Please do not allow this bill to pass.

Sincerely,

Marsha Roberts, MD

County Clerk

From: Tiani Kim-Luning <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:58 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

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Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

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From: Michelei Kahae <micheleik@yahoo.com>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Bill 131

I'm writing in support of Bill 131, Maui County Mayor's proposal regarding short term rentals renting long term to Lahaina fire victims.

Do I think it's enough? My answer is No! My solution to what will be enough to house Lahaina fire victims for long term is effective immediately enacting a moratorium on all short term rentals throughout Maui County until Lahaina is built out and/or NO less then 5 years which is the guesstimate circulating on the timeline for which Lahaina will be rebuilt.

The reason why I'm asking for a moratorium on all short term rentals throughout Maui County is to avoid investors of short term rentals to purchases and create inadequate long term housing in other communities and districts with in and throughout Maui County.

With a moratorium throughout Maui County we'll be able to make sure that the long term housing crisis brought upon by the short term rental industry does not cause a domino effect throughout Maui County for the long term rentals in other communities and districts, and keeps the long term rental crisis somewhat contained to Lahaina.

Mahalo,
Michelei Tancayo
Lahaina

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Long term housing over anyone, anything else. It's no question. Kama'aina belong here and make Hawai'i, Hawai'i. It's so sad that money speaks louder than those kama'aina/ kanaka maoli who have lived here and taken care of this 'aina for years and will always take care of their 'aina for years to come for the next generations . Just because these malihini (foreigners) have money doesn't mean they care or ever will take care of this 'aina like it should be otherwise they would be on their 'aina. Do what is best for this 'aina and the people of this 'aina that's your job. This 'aina, the native animals and native people come first always and forever if anyone thinks different they need to go back to where they came from. Kanaka maoli has taken care of this 'aina the best they could have since America has illegally occupied hawaii. America needs hawaii but hawaii has never needed or wanted America. Please listen to the kanaka maoli that's your one and only job(kuleana) if not go back to where you came from because hawaii was better off with those who truly cared about the land and animals and people of hawaii. Keep lāhaina lands in Lāinana hands. Listen to the people. The people make this 'aina and without the people the 'āina would not be what it is today. Everyone can see the change and see the devastation it's caused and we can no longer let that happen for money. No money is worth letting native land,plants, people die and become like other land in American that was stolen. See the pattern. Be the difference it's your job. Simple do what's best for the 'aina the native animals and the native people. That's it! If not you're in the wrong position. That should be your top and only concern with every discussion.

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From: Cody Kahahane <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:11 PM
To: County Clerk
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From: Phillip Bailey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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We respectfully request your backing for the proposal that allows these accommodations to enter into a one-year lease agreement with displaced fire survivors, offering them an exemption from property taxes during this challenging period. Moreover, we underscore the significance of incorporating Councilmember Paltin's proposed amendment and any additional measures that safeguard existing tenants. It is crucial to protect against displacement, irrespective of whether their leases have expired, ensuring that the zero property tax incentive does not come at the expense of current residents.

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Sincerely,

Phil Bailey
Lahaina resident of 50 years

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From: Hope Bourne <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Felili Mendoza <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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County Clerk

From: mary drayer <mdrayerhome@msn.com>
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To: County Clerk; Maui County Council Public Delivery
Cc: mary drayer
Subject: Support for Bill to Convert Short-Term Rentals to Long-Term Housing

Aloha,

I am submitting my support for Maui County Council to Approve the Bil to convert short-term rentals to long-term housing. It may not be the complete answer to the complex issue, but it's a start.

There are a multitude of reasons I support this bill – which I will not list here, as i'm sure you have heard them all from other testifiers.

My one comment is: I find it sad that it takes legislation to encourage compassion and empathy from many in our community. However, having said that, I realize the property owners being affected did not buy those properties for the reasons we did. Which was to have a home to raise our children, host our 'ohana for birthday parties etc. In other words, have a Family Home which was enjoyed by generations. The words 'investment' and 'speculator' were unheard of. And owners in that category are not really part of our community, as far as I'm concerned.

Kū Kia'i 'Āina

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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Good afternoon,

We are Maui home owners and very supportive of any measures to use short term rentals and 2nd homes to house local people. Aug. 8th fire victims especially deserve long term homes on Maui so they don't have to leave (all of Maui will suffer if these local families leave the island), and there is no reason the local government needs to protect wealthy land lords who have multiple properties. Local people and disaster victims are the ones who deserve protection. Yes, it's tough losing some private property profit, but it's much tougher losing your ability to live in your home at all. Some people's profit should not be at the expense of local families livelihoods and survival. The local and state economy is nothing without local people and local culture. Please support local and Native Hawaiian families at whatever cost, there is no Hawai'i without them.

-Dakota, East Maui

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I am writing this letter tonight above the letter the was pre-written so beautifully and kindly by Lahaina Strong. I agree with everything listed below. The power rest in the people and our community of Lahaina has shown their power, resilience, and have continued to show county leadership, all of you, grace. I understand meetings and testimonies are important to the process but it's really time for you to keep leaning in to the discomfort of holding your position. The Westside needs a break, now! Give them one. Do what is right. Get creative. Start the process now on regulating short-term rentals on Maui by demanding these owners to do what is needed of them. The governors plan is giving them a hell of a deal on tax breaks, etc., force them to take it. I'm willing to guess that many of these owners are not full-time residents. Time to start working towards the actual residents of the westside and keeping them here. The more you keep operating behind all this red tape, the more pe ople of this land will have to leave. I know you are working hard but time is running out and when that happens the community as a whole will be required to take measures like occupying (more) beaches and other locations that will not paint a pretty picture of the reality of what is happening on the westside and the island at large. The holidays are coming up, there should be no days off until this is resolved because February 8 is right around the corner. You can not keep asking Lahaina to be patient. Push back on these short term rental owners now so you don't push out the people of this land, the ones with actual heart, soulties, and bloodline connection to it.

Push the limits. It's why we voted you in to office.

Kris Batalona

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Subject: Bill 131

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of Bill 131. Please show that the government still cares for our local people and will prioritize our community before outside investors.

These homes were meant for our working class, not to be a money maker for Karen from Canada who wants to visit Maui for 2 months every year.

I have faith that the council will do the right thing.

A special mahalo to Tamara Paltin, Gabe Johnson, Keani Rawlins. I see you folks working directly with those who've lost everything.

Mahalo nui,
Chanel Souza
Kihei

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Aloha,

I am writing to testify for increasing real property taxes on short term rentals.

Taxes are meant to encourage or discourage a particular behavior. Reference H.B. NO. 330. A bill meant to discourage the consumption of sugary drinks and prevent negative health effects of obesity. HI5 recycling is also another example of government entities encouraging a specific behavior, recycling cans for \$0.05.

Increasing real property taxes will discourage mainland/international investors from purchasing so many properties on Maui - which, literally prices out a local resident because no one can compete with them in purchasing so many homes.

Increase in taxes will also help offset the loss of transient accommodation taxes that are lower this year because of the decrease in tourism on Maui.

Benjamin Franklin said, "in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes."

I am in favor of raising the real property taxes on short term vacation rentals.

Mahalo,
Dianna Cao

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We ask that you do everything in your power to put the Lahaina community FIRST above the needs of STR owners and tourists alike. Without its residents Lahaina is not the beautiful place it has always been. We hope you will not be swayed by threats of legal action from STR owners who value only money and not the wellbeing of the people who live in the place that earns them all this profit.

We hope to see not only the property taxes waved for people who rent long term but the prices be capped at affordable rates and the taxes HIKED up SKY HIGH for those who chose not to rent Long Term. Clearly it needs to make financial sense for these STR owners to go this route so make their STRs less profitable and make LTRs the better choice not only for the moral reasons but also from a financial stance.

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However, we went through one week without power, and three weeks without WiFi or cell service, and to the date three weeks from the August 8th disaster our landlord informed us he is selling our unit. We have been reliable tenants for 3 years and have no where else to go . There are no options that are even remotely affordable. We have a few months left for our lease but that's it.

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Subject: Short Term Rental Bill

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Our governor of the state of Hawaii on his office webpage says he carries a goal of creating thousands of new low-income and workforce housing throughout the state.

Continuing this progressive agenda, the second proclamation relating to the emergency housing proclamation put into effect a month before the fires was signed Oct 24th and is due to expire December 25th.

In this proclamation Governor Green signs" I , Josh Green , M.D. Governor of the state of Hawaii hereby determine and proclaim that an emergency or disaster ...has occurred in the state of Hawaii ...in order to promote and protect prepare for and maintain the flexibility to take proactive preventative and mitigative measures to minimize the adverse impact that the present emergency may cause on the state and to promote the speedy and safe construction of housing and infrastructure which will minimize the adverse impact that the present emergency may cause on the state and to work cooperatively and in conjunction with federal and county agencies...i invoke the following measures under Hawaii's revised statute"

"I hereby DIRECT the state officials with housing expertise the director of the office of planning and others to cooperate extend services materials and facilities as may be required to assist in all efforts to address the housing crisis"

"i CALL on the state and county agencies to cooperate and to forge paths forward to address the affordable housing crisis. the state and the counties should be engaging in discussions regarding mutual aid agreements and what assistance can be provided to speed up the processes that impede the creation of housing across the state."

"I IMPEDE all state agencies to make the review planning appraisal and processing of permits related to housing a priority!"

It sounds to me like the governor of the state of Hawaii has, called upon the state officials like yourselves, he is directing you and impeding you to make any decision necessary in the aid of housing the Lahaina working class. It is your job under oath to your position as council

members to adhere to your governor. Pass this necessary litigation in this bill to promote the stability and housing of the west side people who are now living in hotels!

Some have moved up to 8 times, no stability, mental disorders and health concerns arising with the stress and anxiety of no permanence. I can tell you a hundred horror stories from these people who represent Lahaina strong and are asking for you to make the litigation that your governor has urged you to before this proclamation expires in 2 weeks. I can tell you that every former student I have seen after the fires has had their house and all belongings destroyed along with family and friends. I can tell you of the tears in their hardworking parents eyes who live hotel life amongst the tourist. I can feel the hearbreak and emptiness and loss and anger and sadness. I myself cannot enough grieve while fishing for Lahaina. My anger was uncontrolled and a rage to drink and scream at tourists overwhelmed me as I see the people not care about the babies in tents on the beach and pass with their tommy Bahama and mai tais. What do you think other locals will do? People need to grieve need to be loved and will not be silenced!!!

Please hurry Before there are more (there have been 18 since that day)and more heartbreak and more dampening of a strong sustainable Hawaiian culture that has been priced out by greed. They never wanted hotels blocking their view and big vacation rentals for visitors. Visitors who don't respect the stewards of the place they are visiting and price them out of homes is the cause of perpetuated litigation that does not show the voice of its community and its people.

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why because this is our town and when we love we going love hard and fight until there's nothing so hear us out and give us a better life here on this island because we don't take we give from our hearts and not by words. The Hawaiians need house the Tongans the Samoans Filipinos Japanese, Haole, Asians, Chamorro, Guatemalans, we have every ethic background here in the islands we need help we can start and stop things by having a strong community like we do we there for our kids nieces nephews, auntys uncles grandmas grandpas it's Pa'a that's what we are. Build us houses there's houses out Napili where during COVID it stated on the sign by Maui prep that it was going to be affordable housing get this now as I speak the sign says luxury homes braaaaaaaa I was about to be like crazy ass government or should I say the ones that don't live here get all the money to just up and do that when us Hawaiians cannot even afford our own Hawaiian home on Maui we from here what you get for say about that put the displaced people in those houses we get planny houses they just don't want to give it up to the more you the more it's going to get hectic for any one that try's to harm us our Ancestors and our Heavenly Father is watching maybe the land is talking to and saying enough is enough and we done suffering.

Mahalo

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Aloha County Council members,

My name is Karyn Wynne. I live in Kihei. I own 2 condos at the Shores of Maui, a 1 bedroom and a 2 bedroom. They are short term rental properties right now.

On August 10, emails were written to all of my upcoming guests through November 1st that I would be refunding their money, as I knew that shelter would be needed for people in Lahaina. I have many friends that were affected, and my plan was to offer to them. Instead, we housed a few families up until November 4th. I was out of town, and I also contacted someone to see if she and her family would like to stay in my home, and made arrangements to stay where I was until mid November.

I kept a close eye, as close as I could, on what was happening on Maui. I could see that this was not going to be a short term issue, that there were many things that would change.

I had to come home early due to the situation where I was, and within a day or two, realized that I was going to have to convert my STR to LTR. This would be the 3rd time I would reach out to people on my rental calendar, (once in August, the other in 2020), only this time I would not be asking them if they would like to re-schedule. Here is where my questions start.

Please, note again, I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS. 100%

I have guests arriving in just a few weeks who come every year and stay for 4 - 6 weeks. I do not want to cancel them, which means I will not be able to comply right away. I have closed my calendar, and I am working backward from the last rental - mid March 2025, asking people to cancel with a full refund. I plan to let them know that I am converting to LTR, and will be refunding all their money. Some of these families have been renting from me for many years. Then, I will work backward, canceling as I go. One of the people on my calendar has her 3rd booking, once canceled due to Covid, then to the fire, and now to this. She is planning to come a year from now. It breaks my heart to even have to ask her, but I will. I hope she will do the right thing and cancel.

This is a personal dilemma. I want to do the right thing for everyone involved. For me personally, I KNOW it is not that it is the right thing to do, it is the **only** thing.

I am hopeful that the people I have upcoming reservations with will know that this is the right thing as well. Still, it is, for me, important that I have this time to ask people to make the decision to find another place to stay. Unfortunately, I think I am one of the few STR owners who feel this way, so the people who will not be staying with me will have many choices of other places to stay.

I have a whole list of logistical questions, from who I am leased with, Red Cross, FEMA, a property manager who is working for Red Cross or FEMA? It is my understanding that my lease contract will not be with the person living in the condo, but with one of the above agencies. Who will be responsible if there is damage? What if someone has to be evicted, who will do that?

Also, I will have to make some changes in the units, and my insurance coverage will change as well. I will have to come up with a reasonable, not gouging, affordable rental price. Affordable is the key here. Because when FEMA and the Red Cross run out, I want the people living in my condos to be able to afford to stay.

So, what all this leads to is this, I cannot be ready on January 1st for long term rentals. Somewhere, there is a happy medium, where I can willingly comply with what #LahainaStrong #MauiStrong want. I want that too. And, I need some time. I may need up to 6 months. Possibly less, but I know there are people planning to stay

in my condo this summer who have been planning their trips for years. And yes, I do understand they have a place to live. This is a vacation for them. I am not comparing one to the other. For my own integrity, for my own sanity, I cannot just tell (some of) these people...Sorry, you cannot stay here. I do hope that some of them will, like me, see that this is the right thing to do, and cancel with me.

This is my testimony. I had planned for several days to be there on Tuesday, but I cannot. My question remains, for those of us, for me, I cannot switch over in January, but I will as soon as I can. Will I still get the help I need from Red Cross or FEMA ? I know this is for the (very) long term. I ask that before you make this law, you look at the logistics of switching from short term to long term and give us a minute to adjust.

Mahalo for listening,

Karyn Wynne

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I applaud the governor and our mayor for seeking creative solutions to the extreme housing crisis we now face. In particular, the mayor's proposal regarding property tax for short term rental units and other non-owner occupied properties is a great idea. However, since many of the short term rental units on the west side are most likely not valued at or over \$1 million, I suggest that there either be no threshold for the proposed tax measures to apply to a given unit, or a threshold of \$500,000 instead of \$1 million. This would greatly increase the potential supply of rental units that could be made available for long-term housing for our displaced community members. Also, there need to be strict limitations on evictions of current long-term renters, to avoid landlords trying to capitalize on potential tax benefits or higher rents— and such limitations should come with steep penalties that would make such actions financially prohibitive for landlords. In addition, I am concerned that the June 2025 end date for the proposed property tax measures would not allow enough time for rebuilding of homes in Lahaina and return of residents. Changing this to June 2026 therefore may be appropriate. Alternatively, termination of the proposed property tax measures could be tied to benchmarks reflecting progress in rebuilding of homes in Lahaina town.

Our community is strong, but even the strong need help sometimes. This is one of those times, and those who have profited from property they own on Maui now must do their part and give back to this community while we rebuild. Every person who loves Maui has their

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Thank you for your consideration, and your efforts to help the community in this challenging and painful time.

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To: County Clerk
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Thank you for your dedication and commitment to caring for our community. As a Maui resident I am greatly concerned about the lack of housing available to Lahaina and Kula residents displaced in the fires. The fires have been traumatic for families and now they struggle to have the security of a home in which they can grieve, grow, and live as a family. It is extremely important to take care of these people, your people, who need access to housing options.

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There are plenty of nice testimonies I'm sure who will let you know what is ACTUALLY legal since you all are having a very hard time SHOWING THE WORLD that you actually understand how many laws you've broken since August 8th (and 1893)... aloha KAPU.. THE United States OF AMERICA's NEW QUEEN (energetically speaking... its a puzzle like the ones you keep giving your community). However, I HIGHLY recommend starting to learn a little about the Hawaiian Kings, Queens and especially the Demi gods before proceeding with ANY NEW decisions as to housing of Hawaiians and non native tenants in the nation of Hawaii.. Mahalo Queen Y

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Aloha!

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Aloha Maui County Council,

My testimony is in support of Bill 131, "A bill for an ordinance amending chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, relating to the August 2023 wildfires long-term rental exemption."

Maui County Council's approval of Mayor Bissen's Bill 131 is the first step in establishing tax incentives for short-term rental owners that offer long-term rental leases to thousands of displaced Lahaina residents. Excessive inventory of short-term visitor accommodation has negatively impacted Maui County for more than twenty years. The excess supply of short-term vacation rentals overburdens Maui County's limited island resources, outdated infrastructure, medical facilities, and emergency personnel. The housing shortage for residents was at a crisis level before Covid. Now that Lahaina Town and Wahikuli have been destroyed by the 8/8/23 fire, the only solution to providing immediate housing for Lahaina residents is to incentivize short-term rentals to convert to long-term leases. Converting 2,000 to 4,000 of the 13,000 short-term rental units in Maui County will provide stable housing for the residents that keep tourism based businesses operating. There are also displaced residents working in medical, emergency services, education, retail, and skilled trades sectors that need immediate housing or they will be forced to relocate off island. These sectors have been chronically understaffed for decades and are essential to supporting Lahaina's rebuilding and recovery effort over the next several years.

Mahalo for your support of Bill 131 and future legislation to convert short-term vacation rentals to long-term housing for Maui residents.

Amber Coontz
Lahaina resident until 8/8/23
(now in temporary rental, Paia)

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I support Mayor Bissen's proposal to amend the County Code to exempt short-term vacation rentals, timeshares, and non-owner-occupied housing from paying real property taxes while they rent to residents who have been displaced by the Aug. 8 tragedy.

As you are aware, Hawaii residents have some of the highest housing costs in the nation -- 2.5 times higher than the national average. The fire exposed the inequities that exist in Maui due to the skyrocketing costs of rental units, & the number of short term rentals for profit units.

Many of the residents displaced by the fire are the backbone of Maui's service industries including fireman & other related services. Since tourism is a large income earner for the County/State, what would happen to tourism without the service industry people?

They can barely start the healing process when they are living with housing uncertainties everyday

Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

Ms. Jacqueline S. Ambrose

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My name is Roxana Smith,

I am a resident of Maui for 54 years with most of that time living in Lahaina. I raised my children in Lahaina and now my grandchildren are growing up in Lahaina. I raised my children as a single mother and have always been a renter and able to maintain a home for my family. My home was usually where my children, their partners and children would gather for holidays in more recent years.

I had a retirement plan that worked out just as I was praying for. I felt blessed when I was picked in the lottery for the Kupuohi apartments. I retired at the age of 70 just before I moved so I was so happy knowing I could have a beautiful apartment on my fixed income to live out my golden years.

Well, the wild fire in August 8 put an end to that scenario. I am currently living in a Hotel room with my little dog. I am eternally grateful for all the help my family and I have gotten from Red Cross,

Fema and other generous donors. I can't imagine where I would be without their help.

It is so important to many who have lived and worked in Lahaina to have the choice to stay on the West Side. I am imploring the County Council to pass the necessary laws regarding STR's to allow West Maui residents to stay in West Maui.

Best Regards

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I would also point out that is an opportunity to save the unique and fragile Hawaiian culture here in west Maui, and throughout the state, and even the world. Everyone of Hawaiian decent is watching how we move forward. Do we want a homogenized society of McDonald's and corporate greed?

This is the time to regulate all short term rentals. I would say we need to eliminate them completely and return to the tourism we had before the year 2000, when the tourists stayed in hotels, not our condos. A compromise might be to put these timeshares and all Short Term Rentals on a pause if at least a year. Another possible solution is maybe the county could buy some timeshare units to house its residents?

The residents need your help to survive. I've lived here 27 years and have seen the negative effects of over tourism. Please support the people and not big business.

Sincerely,

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No matter what decision you make, someone will be disappointed. However, when you think of that decision, consider quality of life for those people who have been burnt out in Lahaina versus quality of life for those who own a condominium along the ocean and come to visit perhaps two weeks out of the year and rent the rest of their units for a profit. Depending on your level of responsibility to the people of Lahaina, your decision should be pretty clear. I personally have loaned out our extra bedroom for a group called firefighters for Christ. They don't even live in Maui and most of them have never visited Maui. Yet they come across the ocean to help the burned out victims of our city.

Please be Pono

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The fact that I'm even writing this, is appalling. Your lack of ability to create solutions for the needs of the people that you serve that pay your salary is appalling. The fact that I am even saying these words to the people that are making the decisions seems completely unnecessary and it makes it seem as though you are failing at your jobs.

Sincerely,

18 year west Maui resident, and fire didaster refugee

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County Clerk

From: Harry Jaramillo <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:35 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

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From: Brittany Fleck <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:47 PM
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From: Richy Palalay <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:49 PM
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From: Lori Imasaki <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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County Clerk

From: kai <kaiduponte@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:49 PM
To: County Clerk; Tamara A. Paltin; Keani N. Rawlins; Gabe Johnson; Nohe M. Uu-Hodgins; Shane M. Sinenci; Alice L. Lee; Yukilei Sugimura; Tasha A. Kama; Thomas M. Cook
Subject: Testimony in Support of Tax Exemption for Long Term Rental in response to August 8th fires.

Aloha Chair Lee and Esteemed Members of the Maui County Council,

I am writing in support of waiving taxes for those who are renting long term to displaced fire survivors. Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR), vacant homes and time shares have been allowed to create a housing shortage here that was of serious concern before, and is literally a nightmare now. We cannot build ourselves out of this crisis, for several reasons, of which all of you are aware. What you can do now for the residents is to encourage the use of the many homes and condos that are already built, most that were originally built for long term residential use, to provide dignified, long term housing to those who have lost everything due to the fires.

There are investment home owners who will oppose this proposal, most of them who are STVR owners. These people are being very clear about their lack of concern for the residents of Hawai'i. These are the same people who insisted on renting their STVRs during the COVID lockdown. Their bottom line is profit. and residents are viewed as possibly being good enough to work for them, but not live in their homes. These kinds of profiteers need to be stopped, as they are literally causing our affordable housing problem without any care for the residents here. Your responsibility as elected leaders is toward the residents, not those intent on making a profit off Hawai'i real estate.

Additionally, I ask that you incorporate Councilmember Paltin's proposed amendment, along with any other measures that safeguard existing tenants. This includes protection against displacement, whether their leases have expired or not, ensuring that landlords do not exploit the zero property tax incentive at the expense of current residents. A crucial next step of this plan will be to increase taxes significantly on those who choose not to rent long term. In the event that these efforts fall short, I urge the Council to consider a moratorium on short-term rental housing. Such a measure would be imperative to prevent a scenario where thousands of individuals are left without shelter upon the conclusion of non-congregate sheltering.

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Mahalo for all you do for the community.

County Clerk

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Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:51 PM
To: County Clerk
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From: Melody Varron <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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I will tell you that one of the major reasons that I moved back to Oahu, was not only the importance of family---(Honolulu Ohana), but also, the impossibility of housing on Maui. Maui struck me as a place that was a very class tiered society. I could feel it. Oahu has its issues, but there remains a marked difference--and a lot of this is down to the economics due to housing. There were, in Maui, haves and have nots. And it was and clearly remains, extreme.

Maui has an opportunity now, to lead the way--for the rest of the islands. To get housing right. To prioritize local families and people. To stop prioritizing short term rentals and visitors over the people who live in Lahaina.

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I am a Westside resident and am lucky to still have a place to live and a job. Many of my friends don't.

What frustrates me is, that Kaanapali hotels are struggling while short term rentals in my neighbourhood have plenty business. We need to change this, so displaced people have a place to live and are able to continue their lives on the Westside.

Mahalo,
Sarah Williams
Napili resident

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To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I are displaced Lahaina residents. We are currently and frantically searching for housing, and since we have a dog, we are finding that very challenging. We also have a 9 month old baby and want nothing more than to be able to provide a secure and stable place for him to sleep and feel safe until our home is rebuilt.

This tragedy has laid bare the problems that plagued west Maui before the fire. Vacation rental properties have always been abundant while residents struggled before the fire to secure affordable long-term housing. The scuba diving business that we also lost in the fire catered to tourism and we walked a fine line between wanting to continue to earn a living, and wanting the best for the Lahaina community.

What is best for the Lahaina community right now is safe and secure shelter to heal and recover from absolute devastation. We aren't asking to rid west Maui of tourism altogether. Anyone reasonable will accept that our main economic driver isn't going to fail. When Lahaina is rebuilt then we can move back into our homes and vacation rental owners can go back to their businesses. But right now is not the time to worry about how condo owners who made bad investments by relying on short term rental income to afford their properties are going to survive. Now is the time to worry how the people who make west Maui the amazing place that it is are going to survive.

It is time for the county and the state to show everyone who and what you really care about. Do you care more about the almighty tourism dollar for a handful of second and third homeowners? Or do you care about your people? The often disappointed idealist in me is very worried about your decision.

Please Help Us,
Caitlin Maratea

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From: Konane Pokipala <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Mahalo nui for reading this and listening to your people

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County Clerk

From: Karri Ayasanonda <karrija@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 10:05 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Please Pass Bill 131

Aloha,

I am writing to urge the county to provide tax incentives to those property owners who will rent their property long term and to increase property taxes on ALL unoccupied homes regardless of value. Property taxes for unoccupied homes remain far too low. Hawaii has the lowest property taxes in the United States.

Over the years, the proliferation of short term rentals, both legal and illegal, has gotten out of control. Maui County has had a terrible lack of housing for years and the issue has become dire since the fires on August 8, 2023.

According to UHERO's report in 2023, "25% of housing units were listed as short-term rentals". "To the south of Lahaina, that percentage jumps to 41.8%. To the north, it jumps to 87%." It is also stated that the average daily census was 72,221 visitors in July 2023, although based on the county plan "the census should not exceed 51,367". Also, according to UHERO, Maui has the highest number of short term rentals of all Hawaiian islands, despite not having the largest population. Why would Maui have such a high number of vacation rentals? Out of state speculators are drawn to Hawaii due to the low property taxes. By raising property taxes significantly for unoccupied homes, many properties would likely return to the market or become available rentals. With such a housing crisis on Maui, vacation rentals should all require permits and none should be within residential or agricultural areas.

Please place residents first and pass property tax reform on unoccupied homes.

Mahalo,
Karri Ayasanonda
Lahaina

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As I work in Real Estate, I see how this will affect the business, however for me, this is about "my people", the people of Lahaina. I see the strain & stress on the shoulders of all who lost homes & family, they need dignified housing. Do what is Pono.

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We support this bill, too many second or third homeowners have caused a severe problem and housing crisis. We have become a county that either one own 3 homes or works 3 jobs! This bill needs to be even stronger with higher penalties. Do not listen to those who do not live on Maui full time and do not share in the pain and problems of our community. The current trajectory points towards the ongoing exploitation of Maui.

There is sufficient housing available if you have the will to make them available to those who contribute most to Maui nei.

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Our students report not being able to complete assignments due to being relocated at a moments notice. Many are starting to be absent, as the shifts around the island come at a time when they should be learning.

We are losing educators. Folks are out daily trying to navigate the uncertainty of their housing situation. My friend and colleague sat in my office, describing the difficulty of her day to day tasks. Laundry is a burden when you have no place to do it. Lunch is a burden when you have no kitchen or fridge to store food. Sitting next to your friend who has to just say, "being homeless is a trip", and you know they have to get right back to supporting students in the next moment is unconscionable.

We know that many people before this have been thrown into homelessness because of the housing issues in Hawai'i and especially Lāhainā. 40% of units here at Short Term Vacation Rentals. With 50% of condo sales and 27% of home sales going to out of state buyers last year, we know Maui's housing market is dwindling fast.

You need to act. In my personal opinion, we need to increase the tax on ANY and ALL short term vacation rentals. We have the lowest property tax and highest valued property. If tourism is the only industry our state will promote, we need to use it to support the residents, especially those of Lāhainā. Homeowners do not support our schools. They barely support the upkeep of the county. Please make sure they pay a fair share to rebuild our community.

Mahalo for the work you continue to do to serve Maui.

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From: Lauren Palakiko <lkang@hawaii.edu>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha e Chair Lee and Esteemed Members of the Maui County Council,

I am a born and raised kupa o Lahaina. I have been indirectly affected by the fire as my house did not burn, but my household lost all of our income for months.

Our hearts are all breaking and we as residents of Lahaina are trying to figure out ways to house our own.

This should not be the job of residents, but of our government leaders, whom we've voted for and put into these positions, and pay our taxes to employ.

We're talking about citizens of Lahaina, hard working taxpayers who have been rendered houseless by a disastrous fire.

We ask you look at the bigger, broader picture. Our people's well being is the utmost important issue. There are sacrifices needing to be made and our government needs to be bold in protecting our people's best interest.

Longterm housing for the displaced is at the top of the list. How can we continue to serve and work without stability and knowing we have a home for our family? How will tourists be attracted here if there's a tent city everywhere they look? Will they feel safe? Welcomed? Good about being here? NO. The answer to all of it is NO.

Do not turn a blind eye. In everyone's best interest, do what you know is right and not for the immediate bottom line, which sucks bottom line out from our future.

Thank you,
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Hi there

I'm writing in support of the bill and to encourage policy makers to take additional measures to ensure the people of Maui impacted by the fires can live decently as they rebuild their lives. I would go further and support an additional tax on all sort term rentals not converted to longer term housing options for Lahaina victims and pursue rent control measures to ensure those property owners don't turn around and jack up rent for local people. What about an additional tax for each night all sort term rentals are vacant?

While I would support the bill, it doesn't go far enough. Tax exemptions for converting STR to LTR allow these capitalists to yet again benefit from owning property while not paying into a system which funds much needed public services provided by the county. Why should they pay less taxes, they're still making money off us? They would be benefiting twice - once from rental earnings, then again by paying less taxes those earnings... double exploitation.

Short terms rentals are already owned by profiteers who played a part in making life unaffordable in the islands for decades. Now they don't want to play their part in rebuilding? Ok.

There's two clear sides in this. The side of capitalists seeking to profit even more in the aftermath of tragedy, or the side of working class local people, particularly Hawaiians, who deserve to live in their ancestral lands. Working people or greedy property owners; people or profit, you pick.

I support this bill and think there are more options to pursue to really aloha the victims. They do not deserve the treatment they are currently getting and we can do more.

Mahalo
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair Lee and Esteemed Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Ann Williams, I am a Lahaina resident who lost my home and everything in the August 8th fire. I am not sure if any of you on this can truly imagine what the Lahaina people are going through, losing absolutely everything and many who have lost family members to a horrific death in the worst way possible. The temporary emergency housing solutions are clearly inadequate and we need more options.

By opening up to tourism and allowing hotels to move out displaced fire survivors in favor of tourists, the State/Governor and County/Mayor have chosen profit over its people, over their own constituents. As a result, we need immediate action on housing options, and one option is to convert the non-permitted short term rentals into long term rentals immediately.

The people of this community who voted for you because you promised to protect and serve the people, are the very people in need of housing and I am begging that you do what is right in this state of emergency. Please Mayor Bissen, please honor your word to protect the people and declare the short term rentals operating without permits to be converted to long-term rentals. This should be ongoing and not just a one-year time period. Operating without permits should not have been permitted in the first place and this must be corrected.

This is not the first time short-term rentals have been required to operate as long-term rentals.... Mayor Tavares enforced this concept years ago. This needs to be corrected with or without the emergency at hand. This emergency only makes it imperative to be acted upon quickly.

Lahaina has over 2,000 vacation and short-term rental units, operating without permits. These units could be utilized much more wisely as they hold immense potential to serve a greater purpose especially during these trying times.

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As a Native Hawaiian and a concerned supporter of Lahaina fire victims, I kindly urge your support for crucial measures in protecting and providing adequate housing for displaced fire survivors.

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Subject: Handyman In favor of Bill 131

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I lived on Maui for 3 years and in my 3 years I saw the greediest of people working as a handyman. Most of my clients were out of state or out of country. I never met a lot of them as they would just give me their code to get in. I slowly felt more and more I was part of the problem. They play this like a video game renting their homes on Airbnb. It was like they all were just using it to park money and profit off Maui. They put a lock code on their front door fix a couple things and rinse and repeat. They usually owned multiple properties on the island or islands. It's only right that something happens to prevent this. Even being employed I was struggling to find places to rent. I couldn't imagine someone who grew up there or just got out of school. I hope this bill passes as it's something in the right direction to help the people of Maui. Thank you for your time.

Andrew Stone

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I am strongly in favor of this bill.

> We can't let the greed of rental owners be the reason locals who deserve to live here, have to leave. This is their home!

Chris sendrey

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From: Julia Meyer <julia.meyer01@gmail.com>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Bill 31

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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the Lahaina residents and Hawaiian people's. To care for the community is to listen to its people. By caring for this community, is promoting this proposal. It is vital to listen to the community leaders as to what is best for their people.

Please listen to their words and their voices. There is no one more educated about people than themselves.

Julia

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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for dignified and long term housing for Lahaina residents - Bill 131

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Hello, My name is Kamaehu Alboro. I am writing in support of immediately securing dignified and long-term housing for Lahaina locals, especially lifelong residents. If Bill 131 is the best the county can do to offer residents housing, then yes, I do support it. The rental owners who continue to refuse to house those who actively serve and work in the Lahaina community are putting the structure and foundation of Lahaina's community and tourism industries in severe danger. When refusing or delaying to house a local family, these unit owners and the county need to consider the reality that Lahaina will be losing and pushing out another nurse, health care worker, teacher, grocery store clerk, housekeeping staff, small business owner, front desk agent, etc. All of these community members make up the actual heart and population of Lahaina. Besides this, Lahaina residents are mentally suffering. The lack of coordination, and communication, and the slow-moving pace of the county will continue to cost many more lives beyond the fire. Please do what is right and do not stop here with this bill in order to get residents the correct support they desperately need.

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From: Octavian Grant <dlkthielk@gmail.com>
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Aloha,

I support the mayor in his proposal. I was born and raised on Maui and have had to watch all the change that's happened. People like to say Hawaiians don't like change, but that's not true, we just don't like bad change, such as the selfish changes the malihini have been making on Maui for years. I believe that this proposal is a change for the better, and a chance for the county to finally show the people of Maui who it really cares about. I trust that the council will make the right decision concerning this issue, regardless of the very loud voice from the few selfish malihini.

Mahalo,
Lihau Thielk

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Sent from my iPhone Please bring the local people back to Lahaina. My daughter has lived in Lahaina for decades. It's her home and now she's been swept away to the other side of the island. Families and people of all ages are struggling to survive and then they are removed from their community ? Please support the Lahaina residents don't just sweep them under the rug with an out of sight out of mind mentality. They have lost everything. Bring them home

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To: County Clerk
Subject: BILL 131

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I am writing this letter on behalf of my family and friends in Lahaina . I live in Texas and I see the pain and going with out constantly . Since the 8th my friends have been moved to one place to another with very short notice . One friend has moved 8 times so far . She no longer unpacks her bag . She has no kitchen so she is unable to cook for herself . She is lonely and depressed and I worry for her . These people need homes . All the empty house that sit on the west side should be opened for Lahaina residents . These people should not be worried about homes . The stress of all of it . Loosing everything , job, homes , animals and your mental state. These things are broken . How we fix this is by giving the people things to heal . Housing will help

This . I'm proud of the people of Lahaina . My mother returned today to go through her section . She has no place to stay and is sleeping in her car . She has been a Lahaina resident for over 18 years . Do right by these people . Why do we even have to petition this is crazy , it should just happen .

Please do what's right . Help these people heal .

Help these people Stan tall again !

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Sincerely ,

Mandy M Haney

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Aloha

I am providing testimony in support of Bill 131.

While I am no longer a resident of Lahaina I am writing on behalf of my beliefs as a daughter of Lahaina. My family and countless hana'i Ohana have been affected by the fire that devastated Lahaina and live day to day with the impact of having no place or prospect of long term housing. While I appreciate the efforts of Red Cross, FEMA, and various organizations they need to be provided with options to secure long term housing for Lahaina residents. Housing shortage on the West side has always been an issue and the fire has created this immediate action for government officials to step up and do whatever they need to do to provide and protect these families. For too long Hawai'i has choose profit over people. This is a disaster and needs to be treated as one, meaning all hands on deck. These short term rental owners, who provide nothing to the community except to profit off the community. Lahaina remains in our hands, in our hearts, its home. Please pass bill 131. Provide some stability and support for the people of Lahaina, they are suffering daily.

With Aloha

Shawny Labrador

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My name is Kevin Block. I am a Kula resident. I am an immigration attorney in private practice with an office in Wailuku. I practice immigration law and many of the clients that I serve are among those displaced or otherwise impacted by the fires. I, myself, almost lost my house in Kula so the issue and the trauma that is being faced by Lahaina residents is close to my heart.

I stand with so many of my colleagues and friends in support of an innovative and immediate solution for those displaced. Short term vacation rentals are symbolic of policy choices that serve short-term and often non-local economic interests at the expense of generational families of Lahaina. Such unwise policy choices, under normal circumstances, call out for change but given the current state of emergency, our community and its leadership must act.

It is unconscionable for the well being and safety of our residents to be compromised any further. The role of government is to provide for the safety and security of our residents and that has to include housing.

I am willing to sacrifice. I am willing to provide my skill set as an attorney if needed or called upon. I support Paele Kiakona, Keaumoku Kapu, Lahaina Strong and the other community leaders of Lahaina and I firmly believe that we need to let them lead and support them.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony and for your leadership and service during these difficult times.

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of Bill 131: "A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, Relating To The August 2023 Wildfires Long-Term Rental Exemption".

Since the launch of the website Maui Hale Match, the disparity of available homes to homes needed to house our displaced community members were discovered. It only reinforced what was already known- housing for our kama`aina has been nill.

The Council has already identified an absorbent amount of second+ homes, transient vacation rentals and short term rentals. Thus, the adoption of increased property taxes for these types of dwellings.

I feel this bill offers fair incentive to the homeowners of these types of dwellings to make their homes available to our displaced kama`aina and therefore support this bill. Please join me in that support.

Mahalo,

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Subject: Fwd: Current resident at Kapalua Ridge

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TO: Maui City Counsel Members,

My name is Adrian and Vanessa McClenney, we are owners at the Kapalua Ridge Unit 2312. We are addressing the information received regarding the housing crisis in Maui,

We purchased our home in 2021 with the intension of permanent living which we live 10 months out of the year. My husband was diagnosed with cancer shortly after we where in transitioning to Maui, we never rented or intended to rent our home out what so ever. We have been living on property full time, however We had to return to the mainland for his cancer treatments which will be completed on December 2023. The commute back and fourth which has been extremely challenging. We also was told by our real estate agent recently that our home has been listed as a rental unit, which is not accurate. We well will be addressing and filing the appropriate document's as full time residents. When we paid our taxes this year, we discussed the listed discrepancy on title with an employee at the county controllers offices and making the necessary changes on record, however our cancer diagnoses took precedence in addressing. During the fire we were home and felt witnessed the enormous disaster. We have adopted families and will continue to support.

Thank you

Adrian and Vanessa McClenney
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To: <Mayors.Office@co.maui.hi.us>

Aloha Mayor Bissen,

Mahalo for looking at ways to assist those displaced by the fire. I strongly feel there are some areas of the reported bill that haven't been considered carefully. As I understand from the news reports, those of us who have already provided a year lease to people who have been affected will not be seeing the benefit. We are able to lower our property tax but not receive the 18 month suspension. This is in effect a penalty for doing our best to help in the immediate aftermath. Please include any units that made the conversion to a year lease from the date of the firestorm. Those of us who responded quickly and without government prompting should not be excluded.

While the unknown additional cost for short term units that do not convert is threatened, I hope the following facts will be considered:

- 1) The impact of cancellation to visitors who have reservations in said units. The negative publicity and economic impact for the entire island. Tourism is now a necessity for most Maui residents.
- 2) Many condos and homes that are vacation rentals are individually owned. Owners rely on the income and invested in the island. They haven't the ability of hotels, to make up the fees being proposed, by income in other locations. Rates were agreed to in contract with renters based on existing taxes. The hardship to individual owners should be taken into account. Maybe the corporations can bear the financial costs instead.
- 3) If forced to sell a unit/home because of being priced out of vacation rental the cycle may benefit some residents to the long term detriment of many. Values diminish which lower the county tax base in the long term. Mortgages become difficult to obtain and some will find themselves in a situation similar to the housing crash of 2008.

Mahalo for your time and tireless work during this difficult period.

Respectfully,

Trish Straus

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Mayor Richard Bissen

Councilman Tamara Paltin

RE: Long Term Housing Solutions

It was with great regret that I have learned about the proposal by Mayor Bissen to address the long term housing requirements created by the devastating fire in Lahaina. I understand that the need is great and that the solutions are not easy.

However, to punish property owners by increasing their real property taxes if they do not participate in your program is just unacceptable. Our property taxes were just increased by @ 40% in August, yes 40%! And apparently, that was not the worst increase based on other property owners we have talked to.

I am not sure why, but it seems like people on the island think that us "mainlanders" are just rolling around in extra cash that Maui County and the State of Hawaii should just be able to take whenever they want for whatever they want. I do not know where it stops, Property Tax, GE Tax, Transient Tax, Sales Tax, etc..

When we purchased our property in October of 2019, we did so with the knowledge that it was in a resort environment, not an Air BNB home in a residential neighborhood. We talked to other property owners, interviewed property managers

and investigated occupancy rates, typical rental rates, tax rates and what we thought was everything we needed to know in order to afford the investment on our property. We have been coming almost exclusively to Maui for over 20 years and were very excited to actually own our own little property. We still like to visit two or three times a year and the rest of the time it is on a rental program with a local property manager, Maui Resort Rentals.

When the fire happened, we immediately contacted Maui Resort Rentals and the Honua Kai Resort to offer our unit as an emergency housing unit. To the best of our knowledge, it was only used by firefighters from Oahu for 2-3 weeks. Our unit was not initially used in the FEMA/American Red Cross program because they were not interested. So, it was kept on the rental rotation. Now, while the bookings are much lower than normal, we do have reservations in most months up to September 2024.

We have donated to Maui Strong, to employee funds for Honua Kai and Maui Resort Rentals and when we were able to make it to the island at the end of October were able to spend time working at the Napili Noho Distribution Center and support local businesses.

We understand that the Royal Lahaina Resort is going to be 100% displaced housing. According to the Maui News, there are over 14,000 units that would fall under the Timeshare, Short Term Rental and Non Owner Occupied Houses. This is certainly more housing than is required. So, what happens if you join your program but are not selected for housing? Do you still get beaten with the higher property tax stick? Is supporting the tourist side of the equation by renting out our unit not worth anything?

Again, we do understand that this is a complex issue. We cannot agree with this approach. The Lahaina "Fish-In" group wants to convert residential housing that is being used as vacation property to long term rentals and I think this is a better approach, acknowledging that these property owners may not be able to afford this either.

We ask you to please consider other alternatives that can include rental units in designated resort, but on a voluntary basis without punishment for not participating.

Thank you for your time,

Brian and Jennifer Geranen

Property Owners

Luana Garden Villas at Honua Kai

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Aloha Chair Lee, VC Sugimura and Council Members.....

Mahalo to all of you for your hard work and compassion for the people of Maui. I ask Ke Akua to continue to walk with all of you in your decisions as voting members for the people of this 'Āina.

You all know me as Aunty Mopsy (Francine Aarona). Mahalo for allowing me to testify on the concerns of Bill 131.

Through years of Gentrification, we the people of Maui have lost rights to our land, not being able to pay for taxes, mortgages or children moving away. Visitors who came to visit, stayed. Some have bought properties and made this their second home. They have taken advantage of foreclosures and selling of homes. Along came the idea of allowing vacation rentals like they do, in the mainland. With that idea, a permit is needed. Vacation rentals become a reality.

We the people along with our council found it to be a good idea. Some of our residents moved away temporarily to be with their children going to college. The Kuleana of holding on to their home was a good idea till they return and the money earned went for college tuition and mortgage payments.

That seemed like a real good idea for our council members to consider. Permits became a reality making it easier for a commercial industry to flourish. Now it's biting us in the butt.

I feel that the council is doing a good job in containing STRH units in every district. If you don't live here full time, you own several properties, they should be Long Term. We need to stop giving out permits.

With that said and understanding how we allowed this process to happen, WE, I, am in favor of the Mayor's proposal for bill 131 to allow tax exemption for home owners who have STRH to rent to our people who have been affected by the fire.

I would also like to see a cap of the monthly rental fee for our people. I heard some are charging Six thousand a month. That's ridiculous!

I have faith in your decision. You will have many testifiers. Ke Akua's Blessing.

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I will not be attending the Maui County Council meeting on Tuesday 12/05. I would like to submit written testimony on Bill 131 for the Council members consideration. I have attached my testimony to this email.

Mahalo,

Carol Petith-Zbiciak

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I lived in Waikuli and my home and job at Down The Hatch burned down. Before the fires, I waited years to find an affordable space to rent in Lahaina before being able to move closer to work. In 2022, I had to move 4 times because of raised rent or the homes I lived in being sold. I have excellent renter history and have never been kicked out of a rental- this was purely a symptom of the distressing and unstable rental environment on Maui, especially west side. This is not the way a human can grow and feel safe and secure in their home with their basic needs of shelter and safety not being met. Multigenerational families need to be prioritized for rental homes first, not transient folks who are traveling to the islands to work and spend a few months. When I moved into Lahaina, I paid \$1200/month for a home that was barely livable with the construction by the bypass creating the dirtiest floors I've ever seen. The windows would not shut in the home and the landlord would not do anything about this because she did not live on island and hadn't been to the island in years... we cannot let our Lahaina residents be victim to investors who do not care about the livelihood of Maui residents.

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Aloha,

This email is to show support and ask the Council to approve Bill 131, increasing taxes on Short Term vacation rentals. The island is facing a housing crisis and these units are needed for resident housing.

This bill is NOT enough. Units under \$1M should be included. We are facing a time, as an island community, where we can no longer allow real estate investors to destroy our community.

Please consider changing zoning laws in parallel with other mainland communities. Owners must live on a property to rent short term. This was very successful in New York City and created several more residential homes overnight. Keep the money in the community supporting residents.

There are far too many off island investors renting short term. They are not invested in the community and not even here to effectively manage their unit.

Mahalo for your consideration

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In the fire I lost the house I lived 11 years and and the business I build with hard work. Like thousand I was sheltered for months in hotels

We are grateful for the temporary shelter for all the support we had, but after months we all need a place where to feel safe again.

We felt safe in our home until that day where we had to manage to save our life , running away without nothing, while our loved town was burning down, and many lost their life'.

Elderly, disabled, families are living in hotels for months without knowing what the future will be.

We want to be a part of the reconstruction of Lahaina. We need a place where to live and heal from the trauma and have hope for the future.

We need your support to remain in this island even with all the difficulties we'll have to face.

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Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

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My name is Luis Banto and I'm a pastor at the biggest non denomination Church on the Westside. As a pastor of a congregation of over 1000 people, I have seen the effects of the housing situation directly and have also experience them myself. Many in my circle are leaving the island due to the extremely expensive rentals and the lack of them. I myself have moved 6 times since the fires and now finally will be moving to a place that I was able to secure till July 2024. This place is 3 times more expensive then what my morgage is and I know the owners will like to make it more affordable but have been denied a change of tax status or any Fema assistance. This is the second owner of a short Term rental that I know that has had the same situation. I understand the situation is extremely complicated but we need to do something about this before we keep on loosing people, which by the way, are critical to support the tourism industry.

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Maui County Clerk,

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My name is Anna Malia Such and I am a Haiku mother born and raised on Maui. Both myself and my 18 month old daughter were born and Maui Health Hospital (formerly know as Maui Memorial).

It has been exceedingly sad to see that the displaced Lahaina residents- good, working class people like myself are still fighting to be placed in appropriate and affordable housing.

Please help them settle in to new homes by passing this bill. As you know, there is a large enough inventory of short term rentals on the Westside to help house the displaced families for a duration needed to created other affordable housing.

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The people of Lahaina need the chance to heal and to feel like they are being put first, before the money that visitors bring.

Please support this bill!

Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

Anna

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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

We know worst case scenario happened in Lahaina on August 8, 2023. I bares repeating that this community, made up of your constituents, is in crisis. We need housing solutions now.

Without housing the is no foundation for stability, mental health and room to grieve and heal in order for all of us to once again participate in this tourism economy. That seems to be the main focus of state and local government, if we're being honest

With thousands of rentals already available on west Maui for fire survivors but for the ill-conceived Minatoya ruling, there is an immediate solution in our grasp.

Please close the loophole and do whatever necessary to either aggressively encourage or forcibly through emergency powers convert west Maui STVR's to long term rentals for displaced Lahaina fire survivors—even if for a term on just 18 to 24 months.

Respectfully,

Tamara Krausen
Lahaina

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My name is Curtis Serrano. I'm a single father with two daughters. My daughters and I lost our home in the wildfire on August 8th. My youngest daughter lost her school and I lost my business on Front St. I urge you to please help us. We don't want to leave our beautiful community, but I also can't afford a place for us to live on our own. We are doing the best we can to start our business up again and to generate some positive income.

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It is imperative to support the Mayor's proposal to turn West Maui short term rentals into long term housing for the displaced fire victims.

The short term rental owners are being unreasonable to protest this community philanthropic initiative. The Lahaina fires were an unmitigated disaster calling for humanitarian help. This temporary salve is the best option to support the displaced.

To protest these measures of long term income and tax benefits is a selfish reaction which ignores the basic creed of sympathy for the displaced. The community deserves to have a stable place to call home until Lahaina is rebuilt.

Happy Holidays,
Cheryl Hendrickson

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To the whomever it may concern.

My name is Sharon De Los Reyes and my grandmother became a property owner in Kihei town in the 1950's. Although our family has never resided in Maui, this property remains within our family. It is also what I personally refer to as a "original" vacation home, due to my ailing grandmother it did become a rental.

Three weeks after the fires, I had the idea that the only way to help combat the future housing crisis for everyone would be for ALL the short term or vacation rentals to become long-term. I mistakenly thought mayor bison would have the same idea and start working on that. Instead, he focused on coming up with a plan on reopening and not rehousing.

It was only last week that you had a meeting with property managers. When you exited the meeting, you stated this was the responsibility of the property managers to force the owners. They don't have that power but you do.

The hotels have stepped up and now it's time for the short term property owners whoever they are to step up to. If they really love Maui, like they say they do, they will put bunny aside and do the right thing.

My worst fear is that all of these people will be shuffled to South Maui to a hotel, and then placed on the streets.

Thankfully, an ordinance was passed, saying it was OK for families to live in their car in parking lots and Maui recently. Is anyone really OK with the thought of all of these victims becoming homeless? What if they lost their car?

Or maybe the mayor was just hoping that because it's the holiday season, everybody would forget by the new year. Pass this bill. Give Maui some hope again.

Sharon De Los Reyes

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Thank you for your time and consideration!

Erin

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I believe this should have been passed shortly after the fire and am relieved to hear it is finally put into motion.

As a lahaina residents and a survivor of the Aug 8 fires I support this bill as this is not a permanent action but a temporary one to help the people who allow these owners to make the money they've been making all these years. Lahaina is not a place people want to visit because of short term property owners. Lahaina is a place people come because of its people. We make this a top destination to visit. Our host culture's characteristic of gracious hospitality surpasses that of many other tropical destinations. It is us, the people, who conduct and carry out that hospitality.

By pricing out not just the locals but the people of this place the impact that this bill will have on short term owners will be nothing in compared to the loss of business that will happen because "it's just not the same".

I believe this bill encourages support for the one thing that makes Lahaina a top place for tourist to come and a special place for anyone who visits, its people. Who will take care of these term rental guests when they come to Lahaina is we the people are no longer here to work the hotels/condos, the activities, the retail stores? Yeah you can fly in people from other places but it will never be the same if the locals are gone. We've proven time and time again, you take care of us well take care of you.

I absolutely support this bill and hope these short term property owners look past the back of their hands soon. Their efforts to save their revenue instead of take care of their returning investment will be short lived. They will come after the county in a few years for the decrease

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in business, blaming the county for not doing all they can to increase tourism. When it was their neglect to lahaina, the people, that caused their downfall.

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As a mental health provider, it is imperative that stable housing be provided to those affected by the fires, only then can they begin to finally begin the healing process.

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From: Hans Sucher <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:40 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Against. 35 year tourism employee!!! BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha council members, I am writing to explain my situation post 8/08 fires. I had 3 sources of income 2 of which are no longer available due to the fires. The one that is still keeping me afloat is a condo that is *legal* and *zoned* condo/tel I bought after working in tourism (for off island owners Hyatt net worth 32Billion, Ruths Chris, and The Ritz net 10.4Billion) for 35 years. It is now my only income and is 20% of what I was making pre fire 8/07. I use the money to rent a 1 bedroom ohana for me and my son \$2200 while my neighbor got a special permit to rent his vacation rent (residential zone) house for \$30k/mo while he lives in Carlsbad Ca. If you raise my taxes or force me to rent to displaced recieving for more benefits than myself while handing out vacation rental permits to outsiders gaming the system I dont know how I am going to survive. Please considering asking multi unit owners to volunteer followed by raising taxes on off island owners before you bankrupt me 12 y ears before most people retire.

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To: County Clerk
Subject: Bill 131

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello,

I would like you to consider supporting Bill 131 and prove to us as that you are putting our community first; that you have Hawai'i, Maui, locals in mind. Lahaina and its people have been decimated and here we are with people who own short term rentals more concerned for money then the community they could of been a part of. You chose to be in a position of power to lead this community. Is choosing not to implement this supporting the people who have lived in Lahaina for generations? To leave them without a roof over their head? For them to shoulder the burden of loosing everything and still having to fight to exist here? Are we Kama'āina and Hawaiians the strangers, the ones who are last priority over those who are tourists or own property here but do not live here? They choose maxium profit over supporting the community they chose to do business in, yet they want their right to make the most money, while they are comfy back in their home state, to be put first and we are to be left out in the cold. Who are you leading? Do we not tax businesses accordingly? Theres owning your home and them theres making your home a business. Should they not expect to be treated like a business? Show us with action who you stand for.

Malama Kekahi i Kekahi.

Show Aloha to our Lāhui.

Where does your kuleana lie?

-Mahalo nui

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Aloha,

I am writing you today in SUPPORT of Bill 131 which seeks to regulate short term rental housing.

I believe that it is long overdue that short term rentals should be reigned in. Given the historical shortage of housing, combined with the added grief and strain on housing after the Lahaina fires, we should NOT be considering our precious supply of housing to be sold to the highest bidder by mainland investors. We should be using this resource on our residents first.

Mahalo,
Anthony Grise

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From: Sommer Paulson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Politicians have tiptoed and ignored the ever increasing problems of transient vacation rentals (and water rights) for years. The Lahaina fires have exploded and laid bare the results of loose permitting and turning your backs on local residents.

I moved in to a wonderful Lahaina single family neighborhood in 2000. in the past 10 years 7 of the 36 homes have become TVRs. As in much of Hawaii and particularly Maui, realtors and investors (mostly off-island) have had a wonderful source of income while local residents are priced out or crowded together in multi-generational structures.

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Mahalo and Good Luck ,
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Aloha Maui County Council,

Please consider converting Short Term Rentals into Long Term Housing for our Lahaina Fire survivors. Maui's priority should be dignified housing for the people of Lahaina at this time. We cannot keep pushing our local residents out of our community by prioritizing the needs of out of states homeowners and investors.

Mahalo,
Chanel Guzman

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Maui County Council Testimony

Bill 131

A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, Relating to the August 2023
Wildfires Long-Term Rental Exemption

RE: Strong support of Bill 131, with clarifying amendments

December 4, 2023

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) **strongly supports** the purpose and intention of Bill 131, but also seeks an **amendment** to further clarify exemption for businesses, organizations, and government entities who will sublease to qualifying individuals.

Dignified, long-term housing is needed now more than ever. With hotels ending their short-term housing contracts, many families are left without a home for the holidays. Presently, there are at least 3,500 displaced 'ohana and over 24,000 short-term rentals and second homes on Maui. The math is easy: we only need to convert 15% of short-term rentals and second homes to long-term rentals for displaced, local families. By creating a tax exemption for qualifying rentals, Maui County incentives necessary solutions to keep families housed and safe.

Though CNHA is strongly supportive of the bill generally, we are concerned about the language below:

4. That if the long-term rental lease is granted to any of the following lessees, the exemption must not be allowed:

[...]

d. A business, corporation, partnership, or any entity other than a natural person where the occupant of the dwelling unit is not an individual or individuals who were directly displaced by the August 2023 wildfires.

Within this language, it is unclear as to whether organization lessees who intend to sublease to affected individuals will be exempted because they are not a "natural person". For example, the FEMA Direct Lease Program leases directly from property management companies then makes these units available to eligible survivors. Here, the lessee is not a "natural person" but the occupant of the dwelling unit was directly displaced by the August 2023 wildfires, fulfilling one requirement of the written exemption but not both. If this bill is to create more long-term housing for wildfire survivors, we ask that this language be amended.

We recommend the following amendment:

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This amendment retains the intention of the former bill language without creating more barriers for organizations to provide housing.

**COUNCIL for
NATIVE HAWAIIAN
ADVANCEMENT**

We humbly ask that you PASS Bill 131 with amendments so that we can continue to serve our community and help keep our most vulnerable 'ohana housed.

Mahalo,

Madelyn McKeague
Policy Manager, CNHA

About the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

CNHA is a member-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians. For more information, visit www.hawaiiancouncil.org/.

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Please allow the fire victims to either stay in our hotels, short term rentals or Airbnb. Subsidize their rent and give the owners a tax benefit, as if it's a donation.

The county has to turn 180 degrees and work towards opposite goals where the low income resident is the main priority and not investors or multimillion dollars home buyers.

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Sincerely

Elizabeth Gentile

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My name is Brandi Corpuz and I am an advocate for my community of Maui and Molokai who has been working on Housing solutions for many years now. I have even spoken to many of you in our quest to find solutions that our community can afford.

I am writing to you today to talk about the Mayors bill concerning converting Short term rentals to long term housing for our community. I agree with this bill for several reasons.

Short term rentals have become one of the biggest problems for our community in recent years as outsiders buy up all of our local housing options and take them off of the long term rental list so that they can make a major profit from tourist. Once investors realized that they could purchase homes on our island to use for short term rentals they quickly bought up all the properties in our neighborhoods that they could. Many of these sales were done from remote places paid for in cash!! This priced us out immediately as none of our local community members have cash of that kind. I have experienced this myself when my son tried to buy a home for him and his growing family in one of the oldest communities in Kula Kai.

Short term rental owners have been putting their houses on the market recently for \$7500 and above. No one can afford that price and they shouldnt be able to gouge prices like that.

In order for this bill to work you must put a price cap on the cost of the STR rentals. Our government should not be made to pay thousands of dollars over HUD pricing which is \$2800 at this time for a 3 bedroom in Maui County. It is not the taxpayers or the County/state

problem that owners will not be able to make as much money as they want off of our very limited housing market.

If the state/county starts paying owners outrageous amounts of money for these rentals then everyone will start charging that amount and all of our community members will be priced out of Maui. We can not afford to lose any more of our workforce and community. I personally know 4 families who were not from Lahaina that has recently lost their rentals because of owners greediness. They know that the housing market is a hot commodity and that they can get more money from others. Even though the moratorium is in place at this time its still happening. I beg you to make this STR conversion for all of Maui County so that we can see what our true housing market could be like.

Instead of giving these STR owners as much money as they want, you should put the power back into the peoples hands at this time. Put a price cap on the rentals that is reasonable and then give any assistance for the rental price that is needed to the community members as a subsidy for them, not the home owners. If you do this, then it gives the people the choice of which places they want to rent. At that point the market will stabilize in our communities favor rather than the business owners who only care about their bottom line.

I agree with the tax breaks and tax increases for STRs but I also believe that it should be an island wide bill for atleast 2 years without an option for the owners. If you just stop STR all together then there will be no doubt about the intentions of this bill and the governments efforts to keep our community housed. There will also be no doubt that people should stop prospecting Maui County as lucrative business investments when it comes to housing.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Bill 131

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To: <county.clerk@maucounty.us>

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Mahalo,

Tina Tolentino

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From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:31 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: FW: Please vote NO on Bill 131

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From: C Kimble <azwaltermarie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:14 AM
Subject: Please vote NO on Bill 131

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Dear Council Member

We are writing to urge you not to support County of Maui Bill 131, and any corresponding increase in property tax for other owners as proposed by Mayor Bissen.

Everyone who (like us) lives or owns property in west Maui is already “sharing in the sacrifice” created by the fires. Many of us were present on the island during the fires. We aided our neighbors and strangers alike, both monetarily and emotionally. We left the island when asked to leave. We came back to donate money, spend money and support friends and strangers. We also offered our unit to those directly affected by the fire.

The economic fallout from the fires affects everyone. Those of us who were not “directly” affected by the fire have lost rental bookings, and the bookings that are filled are at greatly discounted rates. Between FEMA and Red Cross and other organizations (charitable donations), many resources are available to fire victims to cover economic losses. Other property owners who were not “directly” affected have no such resources.

“Not directly affected” does not mean “unaffected”.

If we go with a long term tenant, we cannot use our own property, and doing this also opens landlords up to issues with tenants who may choose not to pay or to vacate at the end of their term, which can take an extended period of time to resolve (thus potentially exposing landlords to additional hardship).

As half year residents, we rent our unit out when we are not on island. This contributes to the local economy, and we pay very high property taxes for the privilege. Right now, we have very few bookings to cover the cost of our existing property taxes, and raising our taxes will dramatically affect our finances.

We are all for helping those who need help. But please do not simply shift the financial burden of fire victims to those of us on the west side who also have financial obligations we are struggling to meet. We urge you to vote NO on Bill 131.

Respectfully,
Don & Chris Kimble
Kapalua Ridge Villas

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From: Wendy Hale <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:36 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: FW: Tax proposal

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From: Coalette <coalette1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Tax proposal

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Aloha,

I'm very concern with the impact on tourism from this emergency bill. I have own a legal vacation rental on our property for over 10 .

We have a B&B permit . Does this bill affect us ? WE have complied with every rule from the county. We have paid lots of taxes ,paid twice as much for insurance required to live on property (which we have for over 40 years).

Why be a B&B ? My husband is a retired Maui firefighter his pension is 1800 a month ,there is no way we can stay on our property with this. So we decided to share our property with guests. The guests that stay with us our middle income families ,they would not come if they have to pay these crazy resort prices at 1200 \$ a night.

If we lose the middle income families Maui will be in sorry shape. I also own a snorkel store for over 40 years and will be closing in the next few months due to low tourism . Five eateries have closed in Kihei Last week. There will be more closures moving forward if we restrict Maui to only the rich .

If I close the B&B what happens to the maid , pool guy and the gardner .They lay off more staff and more go on unemployment . My business will be laying off 6 wonderful employess ..

This is not the answer

Mahalo Elaine Cuaresma

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From: Katrina Ahia <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you. I moved to Lahaina in 2001 and have been working in the public schools here ever since. My students, the thousands of other Lahaina residents and workers, and I desperately need creative solutions to the housing crisis.

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Urgent Appeal for Support: Lahaina Resident Facing Housing Crisis

Aloha,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to express the profound impact recent events have had on my family and our beloved community in Lahaina. Beyond the challenges outlined below, I believe it's crucial for you to understand the personal stories and struggles that stem from the decisions being made.

For the past 17 years, Lahaina has been more than just a place to live; it has been our home, where we've raised our children and built a sense of 'Ohana with our neighbors. Our ties deepened during times of crisis, such as the 2020 shutdown and, more recently, the evacuation and escape from the devastating fires on August 8, 2023. Sadly, our neighborhood of Wahikuli and the heart of Lahaina Town were lost in the flames.

The impact reaches beyond the loss of homes; we've lost our bank, our doctors' office, and our business office on Front Street. Despite the hardships, we are determined to cling to what remains and keep our family in the only place our children have ever known as home.

My daughter, with just two and a half years until high school graduation, is facing the challenge of upheaval in her crucial academic years. We are committed to staying on the island and in West Maui, but the current housing crisis poses a significant barrier. The exorbitant rents are simply beyond our means, especially considering the additional challenge of accommodating our two beloved dogs.

We implore you to take action to support those of us who have lost everything in our effort to rebuild and stay in West Maui. Over the past 18 years, we have faithfully paid taxes, shopped

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locally, and invested in our community. Our financial contributions extend to education, with 20 years of support for Maui Prep, aiding in the salaries of teachers and administrators.

Our commitment to Maui goes beyond monetary contributions. We actively engage in volunteer work, serving others and contributing positively to our community. Unlike transient tourists, we are deeply connected to the 'aina, mindful of our impact on the environment and committed to the well-being of our home.

If a housing solution for residents like us is not found, we will regrettably be forced to leave Hawaii. With only six months before such a difficult decision, time is of the essence. We urge you to consider the vital role played by residents in shaping Lahaina's identity and appeal for your support in finding a viable housing solution.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Burns
Lahaina Resident
Ainakea Road

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From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:45 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: FW: Proposed property tax abatement/significant increase by Mayor Bissen

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From: Katherine Szem <koszem5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:34 AM
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Cc: Richard Bissen <Mayors.Office@co.maui.hi.us>
Subject: Proposed property tax abatement/significant increase by Mayor Bissen

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Aloha Maui County Council,

I am writing this email to register my firm objection to the mayor's proposal to abate property taxes of those timeshare/condo owners who convert their properties from short-term to long-term rentals to be rented by persons displaced by the Lahaina Fires while significantly increasing the taxes of those property owners who do not choose to make that conversion. If this measure passes, it would be a "tyrannical" move by you, our representatives, as you would eliminate free choice in this issue. The inclusion of the provision to significantly increase an owner's property tax for choosing not to participate is truly "punishment." Since when is punishment part of the American Way? My husband and I are local residents of Maui who happen to reside in a short-term rental complex. We have no other place to live. We cannot rent our unit. If we do not participate in the program, does that mean we will have our taxes significantly increased? Even if we were not full-time residents, I believe that you would be enacting legislation beyond your legal authority by overriding Hawaii real property rights and protections. Do not allow this proposal to pass. It is just plain wrong.

Warm regards,

Katherine

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Lahaina, HI 96761-9034
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County Clerk

From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:46 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: FW: Bill 131

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From: FRANK DILL <frankdill@me.com>
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To: Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>
Cc: FRANK DILL <frankdill@me.com>
Subject: Bill 131

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As longtime owners of our condo at the Ridge Kapalua, we oppose this bill. Our family still uses this unit.

Frank and Mary Dill
2711 The Ridge at Kapalua

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From: Paula Messer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:47 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

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While I most definitely support the tax moratorium as an incentive to offer long-term housing to displaced Lahaina residents, I do not support a tax penalty to those owners who choose not to participate. Please also consider code variances to allow temporary structures such as tiny homes, shipping containers and mobile homes to accommodate those unable to find housing in properties participating in the hopefully approved tax abatement scheme. The success of this legislation hinges on the creation of an adequate supply of housing. Such a measure would be imperative to prevent a scenario where thousands of individuals are left without shelter upon the conclusion of non-congregate sheltering.

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From: Bradley Jackson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Aloha,
Bradley Jackson

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From: Mona Cherry <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Linda Falletta <free4beach@yahoo.com>
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Aloha Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for allowing me to testify on Bill 131 regarding property tax relief of Short-Term Rentals.

I am an owner of a condo on the West Side, and I worked very hard for many years to be able to purchase my condo. I spend a good portion of my time enjoying my second home,

Unlike some believe, I am not making fists full of money. When I am not using my condo I rent to guests and that helps me pay my already high property taxes and my association fees. Association Fees are very high on these old buildings that are on the water and our complex has had many major spalling repairs done recently in excess of 10 million dollars and another 7+ million dollars is about to be spent on replacing the roof.

I employ a rental company who takes 35% of my rents, a cleaning company and I also pay Transient Accommodation Tax, General Excise Tax and Maui County Transient Accommodation Tax.

Neither FEMAs proposed 175% of rental income, nor the \$1,000 a month property tax reduction will pay enough to cover the expenses I have to pay.

While I would love help solve the issue of housing the displaced fire victims, there are also other issues rather than money that make it not feasible. My complex only has enough parking for 1 car per unit, while most of those displaced have 2 or more vehicles.

The second important issue is pets, it is against our bylaws, to allow animals.

It would be nice if the County spoke to the owners of these condos and could work on a plan that would work for all.

Mahalo for listening.

Linda Falletta
The Mahana

County Clerk

From: John Carty <cartymaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:02 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: testimony for 2023 wildfires long-term rental exemption

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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

Please vote to help Lahaina residents find long term housing in Lahaina by passing measures that convert transient rentals into long term. Also, please look into changes in the building code to allow for more temporary structures to be added to existing properties.

Mahalo, John Carty, Lahaina Resident

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From: Luciane Buchanan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

Please vote to help Lahaina residents find long term housing in Lahaina by passing measures that convert transient rentals into long term. Also, please look into changes in the building code to allow for more temporary structures to be added to existing properties.

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We as Maui residents and as 'ohana continue to do our part, we come together and support in every way possible but its just NOT enough. As a small business owner here on Maui that heavily depends on Tourism, We will soon be in the same boat as our Lahaina 'Ohana and those that were greatly affected by the Lahaina fires.

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I thank you for making the difficult choices and pray that the right decisions are made here in considering all of our Maui residing 'Ohana's to get back on their feet.

With Warm Mahalo,

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Dear Maui City Council;

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed new law addressing housing for Lahaina fire victims. While I understand the need to provide assistance to those affected by the fire, I believe that this law is misguided and will have unintended consequences.

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First, the law unfairly places the burden of taxation on one segment of property ownership. This is not only unfair, but it also sets a dangerous precedent that could be used to justify future tax increases on other segments of the population.

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Finally, the law could have a chilling effect on the local economy. By discouraging investment in the area, the law could lead to a decline in property values and a reduction in economic activity.

For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider the proposed law and

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Aloha and mahalo for taking the time to consider my testimony. I am a life long resident of Hawai'i and I support the proposed tax on properties who refuse to rent out to our community members on Maui who lost homes and loved ones to the August fires.

I am a landowner on O'ahu and I would agree to such a proposal if it regarded my property. Using short term rentals to house our community members who need it is a vital step to avoiding our community from being priced out of paradise.

This tax should be viewed as an incentive to allow landowners to cooperate and support the local community. It is shameful for landowners to cater to the money of outside visitors while our local people suffer in plain sight from lack of resources and intense grief and pain in this time.

Economically, our people can support a local economy - but they must first achieve safety and comfort in homes and stability for work in order to help the Lahaina community and the State recover from this disaster.

Mahalo piha for considering my testimony

Alana Reis
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I am writing today to request your support related to the EXCESSIVE amount of short term rentals and allowing them to enter into a one-year lease agreement only with displaced fire survivors with the understanding of being exempt from property taxes during that period.

Your support is crucial to our survival. Please take care of our community as it has always been a jewel of the Hawaiian Islands and has always generated more than it's share of the almighty dollar.

Sincerely,
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First and foremost, we must take care of those affected by the fires, not tourists. Short term rentals are geared for tourism. Long term rentals for our own ohana. With so many in need we have to think out of the box. I have many friends who lost everything. And now they cannot find housing because one, it is too expensive, and two, they are changing over to short term. We shouldn't have Airbnb and the like in our neighborhoods anyway. People from Maui have aloha, even those in need are helping others. Let us not turn our backs on these people who no fault of their own, lost everything. Let's continue to live by the Pono principle.

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I lost my place, came here to help my dad who lived at Hake Mahaluo - he passed in 2020, but this fire would have filled him had he been alive- it took 6 off his friends, his apartment and 12 years of memories of what I considered to be home

Please help me stay here

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My name is Jacqueline Hudson, and I have been a resident of Napili for the past 20 years. While I did not lose my home or business in the fire, I am providing daily support to the many unfortunate friends and acquaintances who are struggling with temporary, inadequate housing and uncertainty heaped on monumental loss.

I appreciate how hard the County Council and Major are striving to to create and expedite solutions to the housing crisis for Lahaina Fire survivors.

I want to add my voice in support of measures related to short-term rentals, non-owner occupied properties, and timeshares in addressing the housing crisis faced by displaced fire survivors.

I am respectfully requesting your support of the measures related to short-term rentals, non-owner occupied properties, and timeshares in addressing the housing crisis.

I am encouraged by Governor Green's statement proposing the funding of 5K-11K to landlords and Major Bissen's suggested tax incentives. While I recognize some of these numbers may need to be adjusted to make it fully feasible for landlords, I urge you to make the displaced residents' needs the first priority.

I also ask you to incorporate Council member Paltin's amendment that protects existing tenants.s for these accommodations to enter into a one-year lease agreement with displaced fire survivors, exempting them from property taxes during this period. Additionally, we emphasize the importance of incorporating Councilmember Paltin's proposed amendment, along with any other measures that safeguard existing tenants. This includes protection

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I am extremely concerned about the looming end of non-congregate shelters on February 10, 2024. It is urgent that measures are implemented before then to help Lahaina residents to remain on the West side. If people move off the island out of desperation, I believe it will negatively impact Maui for generations to come.

Mahalo for your hours, hard work, and dedication in supporting the physical, economic, and mental health of Lahaina's residents.

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Adequate consideration must to be given to the economic needs of owners of short-term rental properties in Lahaina in order to balance the demand for housing with the available supply and garner participation. For many, short term rents represent a significant portion of monthly or retirement income necessary to meet basic living expenses. To assume all owners of short-term rentals are "rich" and don't rely on their rental revenue for income is naive. Many short-term rental properties were sold with the caveat the rental income would support the mortgage or provide needed monthly income. Seizing these properties under a moratorium even with paying rent at 50% of the current short-term rental rates will create financial hardship and a new economic crisis for many people.

A better first focus for the county seizure is the supply of unoccupied second homes, often sitting empty for the majority of the year. Unless renting long term, or renting short-term illegally, these owners are not currently dependent on rental income and may welcome revenue incentives from the county beyond a tax break. Granted these are often a wealthier demographic with political connections which may be a more delicate process, but economically identifying this group of homes for housing inventory will likely have the least negative financial impact on the owners.

The county must then find outside sources to subsidize the short-term property rental rate to make it feasible for licensed short-term owners to be able to afford to cut their revenues in order to provide long term housing inventory. In most cases waiver of the annual tax bill is equivalent to only 1 month's short-term rental revenue. Assuming the remaining 11 months rental rates are cut by 50%, the net impact to owners is still a loss of 46% of their prior revenue. Who can afford a 46% pay cut?

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Prior to any moratorium, the County should be first be working with un-occupied second home owners to create housing inventory, then address illegally operating short-term rentals before issuing a moratorium on licensed short-term rentals.

I do not own a short-term rental, so I have no dog in this fight, but I do recognize the negative economic impact of seizing or dramatically reducing rental revenues of retirees and investors who rely on rents for their monthly income.

Also, if owners who otherwise would not consider renting through FEMA even with their associated payment guarantees had a choice in selecting the actual tenant to occupy their property, many more owners would be willing to participate. It would increase the wear and tear comfort factor considerably - and everyone knows someone who needs housing.

The moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent and the proposed inability to vacate a tenant at the end of a legal lease term are also contributing to the reluctance of homeowners to put their properties into the rental pool.

Housing demand aside, it can't be all one sided favoring the tenant if an inventory solution is to be found. The homeowner being asked to give up his home equally needs guarantees and assurances. The proposed structure has yet to reach a win win for both renters and homeowners/landlords. Balancing the needs of both sides will create the most favorable outcome for everyone.

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TO: Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Chair
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, Vice-Chair
Members of the Maui County Council

FR: AMERICAN RESORT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - HAWAII (ARDA-Hawaii)

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

(Sent via e-mail to county.clerk@mauicounty.us)

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Members of the Maui County Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony with **COMMENTS** on **BILL 131 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION**. ARDA-Hawaii is the local chapter of the trade association for the timeshare industry. Timeshare is an important and stabilizing part of the tourism industry and Maui's economy.

Timeshare owners have made a long-term commitment to Maui by purchasing and owning real property in the County. These owners are consistent and dependable visitors who bring substantial tax dollars to the County and continue to come even during periods of economic downturn. Indeed, historical averages for timeshare occupancy hovers around 90%, outpacing traditional lodging by a significant amount. Timeshares also provide alternative accommodation options to our islands' visitors without posing the same tax collection and land use issues that many vacation rental units do. Further, timeshare resorts have provided more than a thousand, good paying and full-time jobs for Maui residents.

The current version of the Bill 131 provides real property tax ("RPT") exemptions for dwelling units occupied as a long-term rental under a signed contract to lease for a term of at least one year to an individual or individuals directly displaced by the August 2023 wildfires. Bill 131 further expressly indicates specific conditions properties must meet in order to qualify for the property tax exemption. The intent of the measure is to incentivize short-term rentals or other accommodations to convert to long-term leases for residences displaced by the August wildfire.

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ARDA Hawaii appreciates the intent of the measure to incentivize the creation of additional housing inventory for Maui residents directly displaced by the August wildfires. ARDA Hawaii sympathizes with the need for long-term housing solutions for residents who were tragically impacted by the unprecedented disaster. In fact, most ARDA Hawaii members provided housing accommodations for displaced residents and employees immediately after the wildfires occurred.

ARDA Hawaii is concerned with the potential RPT increases for timeshare properties in Maui that were expressed in the November 28th press release for Bill 131. An increase in RPT for timeshare properties that do not convert their usage to long-term rentals would be punitive. A further RPT increase would substantially increase costs for timeshare owners who consistently contribute to Maui's overall economy.

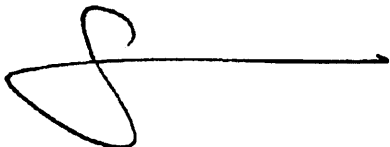
Furthermore, timeshare is distinguishable from rentals as there is a deeded or contractual obligation to permit owners to use their property, unlike rentals. Owners purchase use rights for a specified amount of time and share a particular unit with multiple different owners. This legal structure does not permit the utilization of timeshare properties for long term use, as it would take away from owners, the right to utilize their unit. Thus, there would be serious legal challenges and legal exposure if a timeshare unit that is owned by up to 52 different owners with a legal right to occupy it, is converted to a long-term rental.

Additionally, imposing a tax to compel participation in a rental program could be viewed as a taking, especially for timeshare properties which would not be in a position to deliver units due to pre-existing contractual obligations. Any potential taking under this measure may subject the County to significant legal exposure.

Lastly, a RPT increase for timeshare would unfairly penalize an industry which provided both significant monetary aid and emergency shelter for residents impacted by the wildfires. Bill 131 would be punitive as timeshares already pay the highest RPT rate at \$14.60 in Maui County.

The timeshare industry looks forward to working together with Maui County to find a solution to aid residents impacted by the wildfires.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line that ends in an arrowhead.

Mitchell A. Imanaka
ARDA Hawaii

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Aloha Maui County Council and Mayor,

I'm a survivor of the Aug 8th wildfires staying at Honua Kai.

The successful recovery of Lahaina depends on housing and jobs. A plan which sacrifices one for the other cannot succeed.

While the Mayor's proposal creates more housing through a property tax exemption, it comes at the cost of jobs. Higher STVR property taxes => higher room rates => fewer tourists and jobs.

Moreover, the proposal unfairly punishes certain STVR owners who are essential to the recovery while letting others off scot free for not contributing. For example, Honua Kai owners who have done far more than their fair share would be subject to the tax while the Westin, which just kicked out over 600 to make their properties 100% evacuee free, would pay nothing. That's just wrong - but that's what the Mayor is calling for.

The only fair way to fund tax exemptions is to spread the burden among all commercial and residential property owners since everyone benefits from the recovery. That way everyone truly is doing their part.

Mahalo

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Good afternoon- My name is Liz Stahl and I live in Kihei. I have a list of questions that I hope will be addressed at tomorrow's council meeting. All of these questions pertain to the proposal to ask short term rental owners to convert to a longterm situation for the next 18months.

1. Do landlords get to vet the perspective tenants?
2. Does the rent come directly to the landlord from the county/FEMA?
3. Will there be a rental agreement between landlord and perspective tenants?
4. Can said tenants be evicted during this lease period for breaking the lease, such as more people in the unit than agreed upon?
5. Can a security/damage deposit be collected?
6. Is there any situation where a six month rental will be considered?
7. Will the taxes go back to current tax rates once the 18 months is up?
8. At the end of the 18 months if the tenant stays, but does not pay rent can they be evicted by normal channels?
9. If there is excessive damage to the property, who is responsible?

As an additional question. Who can I speak to as a landlord to verify what rights I am supposed to be working within? I have the handbook.

Thanks so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Liz Stahl
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Aloha e County Councilmembers,

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

I strongly support this bill and believe that the effort to house our families after the devastating wildfire should be a top priority. Please consider supporting this bill.

Mahalo nui,
Kūpono

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I am a Lahaina teacher and we have such a teacher shortage because there is no where to live . I and my colleagues lost our homes & must pay rent on top of mortgages on piles of ashes . Lahaina residents , homeowners , children need and deserve homes while we rebuild. We should not be offered one way tickets to another island or the mainland . It's time to put the lives of lahaina over the lining of pockets and greed.

Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

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Support of Bill #131-"A Bill for an ordinance amending Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, relating to the August 2023 Wild Fires Long-Term Rental Exemption"

Aloha Council Members,

Please Support Bill #131.

Unfortunately a disaster has to show how very much limited our affordable housing is on Maui and now it is urgent to find housing for the survivors.

I wanted to write a letter for years because I have seen so much "housing" change into vacation rentals in the Kihei area that I live since 1982 (condo owner since 1986) but now this is even more important to write now. I know it is happening all over this island.

I live in the Walaka Street community of Kihei-there are about 18 condos in the area. Nice quiet community but unfortunately more vacation rentals are happening- loss of long term or owner occupied housing.

- Why wasn't there a "cap" of vacation rentals in all sections of Maui?
- Many condominiums in Kihei are almost 100% vacation rentals. A loss of affordable housing and long term rentals. I can only speak of Kihei but I'm sure it's affecting other areas drastically.
- Longtime residents that own, especially condos, are not able to afford the increase in maintenance fees and "special" assessments because vacation rental owners have almost unlimited income with charging rates from \$300 on night on up.

My brother had to relocate and now my sister has to move to a place that is more affordable. Seniors on limited income that thought they would live out their lives at their condo homes now have to move.

- The "loss of community" happens with more vacation rentals. You don't know who your neighbor is anymore.
- Yes, some condos have in their By-Laws "protection" from short term rentals but does any County Department check if condos are following the By-Laws?
- Isn't only on a "request for service" form that brings attention to this?
- **But I go back again to some type of "cap" on vacation rentals especially in residential areas that not only are houses but condominiums too.**

Bill #131 is the first step in the right direction. Please continue moving forward in finding more affordable housing. Not necessarily building high density projects but looking at the inventory that exists and making these areas into a "community" again.

Mahalo always & Maui Strong,

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We are deeply saddened by the Lahaina fire and grieve for everyone affected by these catastrophic events. We are owners of a short-term rental condominium at Kapalua Golf Villas and strongly oppose your proposed bill to impose a tax penalty on short-term rental owners as an incentive to convert properties to long-term rentals. We bought our unit in 2015 and did so with the understanding of the tax laws in effect at the time along with the Kapalua Golf Villa's Codes, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&Rs). We rely on short-term rentals to pay our monthly costs, including mortgage, taxes and insurance. Increasing our taxes substantially as you propose may force us to sell our unit. Moreover, short-term rentals like ours brings vacationers to Maui, which in turn supports the local economy and the residents of the island. Fewer short-term rentals would discourage vacationers from coming to Maui.

Of course, we understand and support the need to provide assistance to those affected by the fire, but it is not fair to penalize a small segment of the population (owners of short-term rentals) to bear the brunt of these costs. Likewise, we tried to rent our condominium for a year to aid to the local housing shortage and given the rules of the CC&Rs of no pets and other lawful restrictions, we did not get any family renters. Therefore, we are further concerned that if this bill is passed into law, we would be required to pay the penalty tax, yet have no renters in our unit.

As written, this law the law unfairly places the burden of taxation on one segment of property ownership which is unfair, possibly illegally as a regulatory taking or discriminatory, and may result in less housing if this type of investment is chilled.

Please do not discriminate against short-term rentals and let the fair market work to provide needed housing. We can be reached at 510 813 0407 or Lance.Hanf@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Signatures on file

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Aloha County Councilmembers,

August 8th was an unprecedented tragedy, which now presents our island community with an unprecedented opportunity: an opportunity to correct the decades-long injustice of prioritizing tourism, and the financial interests of corporations, investors, and nonresidents, over the needs and well-being of everyone who lives on Maui, particularly native Hawaiians. Nowhere is this more glaringly apparent than in the exacerbation of our long-standing housing crisis brought about by the fires and the destruction of Lahaina town.

I applaud the governor and our mayor for seeking creative solutions to the extreme housing crisis we now face. In particular, the mayor's proposal regarding property tax for short term rental units and other non-owner occupied properties is a great idea. However, since many of the short term rental units on the west side are most likely not valued at or over \$1 million, I suggest that there either be no threshold for the proposed tax measures to apply to a given unit, or a threshold of \$500,000 instead of \$1 million. This would greatly increase the potential supply of rental units that could be made available for long-term housing for our displaced community members. Also, there need to be strict limitations on evictions of current long-term renters, to avoid landlords trying to capitalize on potential tax benefits or higher rents— and such limitations should come with steep penalties that would make such actions financially prohibitive for landlords. In addition, I am concerned that the June 2025 end date for the proposed property tax measures would not allow enough time for rebuilding of homes in Lahaina and return of residents. Changing this to June 2026 therefore may be appropriate. Alternatively, termination of the proposed property tax measures could be tied to benchmarks reflecting progress in rebuilding of homes in Lahaina town.

Our community is strong, but even the strong need help sometimes. This is one of those times, and those who have profited from property they own on Maui now must do their part and give back to this community while we rebuild. Every person who loves Maui has their own reasons, but almost everyone cites the Aloha spirit as a primary reason why they love this unique and fragile place. We call upon owners of short term vacation rental units, second homes, and other non-owner occupied properties to show us that they understand what Aloha really means, and put people above profit.

Thank you for your consideration, and your efforts to help the community in this challenging and painful time.

Amy Stephens
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I put my pre-fire address on this, because we don't really have a permanent address right now. All of these displaced people did nothing to deserve their situation other than choose to live, work and contribute to the Westside community.

I am a teacher, formerly at Lahaina Intermediate and now at Maui Prep. I love the kids and I love this community. The people here are good, hardworking people and deserve the sense of security they once had. Lahaina is a very special place. Everyone knows this. The heart of this town is gold and beats strong. I see the pain all round me...the feelings of insecurity, stress and fear. I am lucky to have a good job and have found a temporary place to live that allows for some peace of mind, but for 3 months I was in a constant state of stress being homeless.

These people need you to give them decent housing with kitchens...it will be difficult...you will encounter resistance, but for the greater good of our town and especially our kids you simply must. The short term rental owners have profited handsomely in past years and most of them are not full time residents. Please take care of our own...the heart and soul of our amazing town.

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Aloha,

I've attached my testimony for the upcoming meeting.

Mahalo,

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Aloha Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for allowing me to testify on Bill 131 regarding property tax relief of Short-Term Rentals.

I am an owner of a condo on the West Side. I started visiting Hawaii about 60 years ago and always dreamed of being able to have a 2nd home here. After working very hard and saving my money, my dream of owning a second home on Maui became a reality. I do have a mortgage, very high HOA dues and pay high property taxes. When I'm not visiting the island I do rent out my condo to help with my overhead and if I couldn't rent it out, it would be come a huge financial burden for me.

I employ a rental company who takes 25% of my rents, a cleaning company and I also pay Transient Accommodation Tax, General Excise Tax and Maui County Transient Accommodation Tax.

Neither FEMAs proposed 175% of rental income, nor the \$1,000 a month property tax reduction will pay enough to cover the expenses I have to pay.

While I would love help solve the issue of housing the displaced fire victims, there are also other issues rather than money that make it not feasible. My complex only has enough parking for 1 car per unit, while most of those displaced have 2 or more vehicles.

The second important issue is pets, it is against our bylaws, to allow animals.

It would be nice if the County spoke to the owners of these condos and could work on a plan that would work for all.

Mahalo for listening.

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Christine Perry

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I applaud Mayor Bissen's proposal to waive property taxes on non-owner-occupied properties that are converted to house fire victims. However, I'm concerned with the proposed methods for recapturing the lost revenue by increasing the property tax rate on all non-owner-occupied properties valued at over one million dollars.

The mayor's proposal is meant to incentivize conversion of these properties to long term rental use, but targeting tax increases at higher valued properties is misplaced. This is because many of those higher value properties are located in tourist oriented areas, and have resort-like amenities, with corresponding high HOA fees. These units were never designed as full time residences, and it's unlikely that displaced families could afford the rent required for the owner to pay these fees on top of mortgage, and other expenses for the property. On the other hand, lower valued non-owner-occupied units would more likely have lower expenses and be located in residential neighborhoods that would be a better fit for the displaced families. The owners of those units would more likely be incentivized to house families. And, these are non-owner-occupied units, so these owners are not poor.

I understand the Mayor's call for "shared sacrifice," but sacrifice should be shared by all who can afford it. I'd prefer to see a smaller percentage increase on a wider tax base, rather than one aimed at a particular group -- especially when many in that group are ill positioned to house families. Furthermore, the tax rate on short term rental properties is already very high! Of course, any increase in taxes for short term rental operators should be at least matched by increases on taxes on hotel properties as well.

Maui's short term rental operators have already shouldered hits from the Covid shutdown, then reduced bookings caused by the mistaken belief that "Maui Burned" which hit tourism island-wide. Even this very discussion we're having now is hurting business by worrying would-be travelers about whether their VRBO reservations will be canceled. For instance, Forbes has an article on how Maui is "[Getting Rid of Short Term Rentals](#)" which isn't good press for these businesses, or the local economy.

While the proposed changes may alleviate the problem, the real, permanent solution, of course, is to build more affordable housing on the island for working families. Let's cut through the red-tape and get that done fast!

Sincerely,
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Mahalo for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community.

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We humbly request your support of the proposal, allowing these accommodations to enter into a minimum one-year lease agreement with displaced fire survivors, exempting them from property taxes during this period.

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Mahalo for your commitment to the well-being of our people, community, and Maui County.

Mahalo.

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From: Joan Morris <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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You don't often get email from michael@oldlahainaluau.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

I am providing testimony in support of "Bill 131" as both a resident and business owner on the Westside of Maui for four decades. Our 'ohana of businesses include the Old Lahaina Luau, Aloha Mixed Plate, Star Noodle, Feast at Lele and Leoda's Kitchen and Pie Shop. At the time of the fire we had 401 employees – nearly half lost their homes and belongings and dozens more cannot yet return to their homes. Over the past forty years we have worked with generations of Lahaina families. We are devastated by the unfathomable loss of our beloved town.

We are of Lahaina. We share a kuleana to be a part of the recovery and respect the needs of our community to grieve and take the necessary time to heal from the tragic events of August 8th. We also understand the needs of our employees – both immediate and long term. We have internally surveyed our staff and 73% have expressed the need and desire to return to work within 3 months. As we know unemployment benefits will be ending soon. Many of our employees have already left the island.

The housing crisis existed on West Maui prior to the fires, but now is many times more critical. The displaced families and individuals deserve housing security and stability. We are fortunate that we had the hotels and Red Cross to provide for immediate shelter, but that is not a long-term solution. Our employees and their families need to know that they are not forgotten and that they will have shelter and support. Converting short-term rentals to long term for these residents is the right thing to do.

First and foremost, the proposed legislation will be a significant step towards addressing the immediate needs of the victims of the August 8th fires. Hopefully there will be further moves and legislation to address the short-term rental issue and finding ways to provide long term housing. We all know how many places that were once primarily housing for local residents and now are almost exclusively vacation rentals. We all know stories of residents who have left the island because they could no longer afford to live here. We recently had an executive level manager making over \$100,000 leave the island because they could not afford to live in West Maui. This isn't right. We have an obligation to do better.

For those who support the visitor industry, please understand the need for workforce housing to maintain the quality of the visitor experience we are offering. How can we provide a quality experience when our employees are struggling to make ends meet? We must look to diversify our economy and hopefully work to create a tourism industry that is better, one that is embraced by our local community – it is, in fact, how most of us make our living, but there is so much we should do to make it more sustainable and compatible with the needs of our community – if we do not, our core economy cannot be sustained. Providing affordable housing is a necessary element of supporting the economy.

It will take courage and wisdom to move forward on the proposed legislation, but it is the right thing to do, even with the likely challenges that may result. Do this for our community and for our future.

Aloha,
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From: Malia West <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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County Clerk

From: Kristina Parrott <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 5:13 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Testimony in support of A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION

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To: County Clerk
Subject: Rentals & Laws- URGENT

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Attention,

I am an owner of a beautiful condo on Maui and have been for years. I am lucky to have had this handed down to me from my parents, as it has been in our family for sometime. It is a treasured spot to visit each year by our family members and friends. The memories we have from our visits are priceless.

I am aware of the law trying to be passed to raise taxes for those who do not wish to rent their condo to long term renters. This is simply not fair!!! If this law goes into effect we would likely not be able to afford it. Please think of all the people that this law would affect and what it would feel like to be in our situation.

I appreciate the time taken to read my email and discuss this topic further.

Anna Weight,
Owner of a piece of paradise 🌴

Sent from my iPhone