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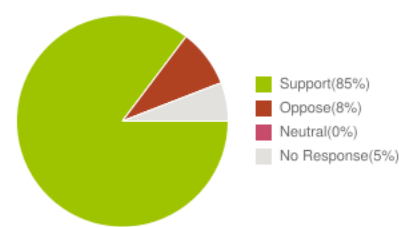
eComments Report

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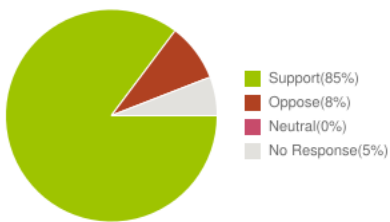
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CARE-50 CC 21-232 MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT (CARE-50)	28	23	3	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

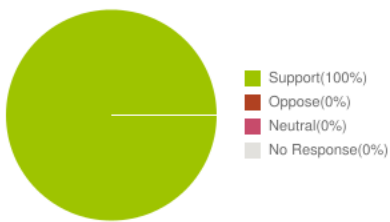
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:49am 06-10-21

Please stop the flood of tourism that is changing and over running our island.

Carole Sarra

Location:

Submitted At: 6:51am 06-04-21

Please limit tourism to less than 33%. We are loosing our precious Island to overwhelming effects of over tourism! Our home, land, sea, and environment are deteriorating at an alarming rate. Please stop this insanity now!

Consuelo Apolo-gonsalves

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29am 06-02-21

The moratorium we don't need more rooms for tourists we need more homes for residents we need to be better for all of u who lives here we are getting pushed out of our homes when you say affordable is it really Mahalo for letting me voice my opinion

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58am 06-02-21

I support this moratorium, and I ask that it be made island-wide. because the main problem we face is over-tourism. and we have exceeded our 1:3 tourist to local ratio. The current ratio is about 2.4:1. Maui has too many tourists, and it is overwhelming our infrastructure, and affecting the local population and limited resources. Maui has more visitor accommodations than Oahu per capita. and we are suffering for it. Please make this moratorium island wide so that developers will not simply relocate building visitor accommodation to other parts of the island. aloha, David Dorn, Kihei Maui.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45pm 06-01-21

I support the moratorium on Building Hotels/vacation building permits. Without proper planning our small island could see disasters of shortage of water, polluted oceans from improper sewage systems destroying our much need coral reefs and fish . Limited food supply during hurricane disasters. Much needed native plants and greenery to filter runoff. Our beaches need to be able to grow so that the upcoming water levels do not affect buildings and homes and we still can have a beach. Our roads are in need to be expanded or new roads need to be built because they are already impacted by too much traffic yet more buildings are already approved to be built and yet they are still building with no one to stop but you. On the road to Hana the other day tourists were parking on the road leaving just one lane open to maneuver around without a care to the safety of us that need to work and go home. To make a turn onto north Kihei road already takes 5-10 minutes sometimes. So many things need to be planned before building. We are in an island with limited space and once built without proper planning could lead to drought, limited food supply, polluted oceans. Please pass this moratorium. Our future lands in your hands right now. This isn't a stop forever it's a pause to plan and do what's right.

Sincerely,
Sandra Brissette

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 05-31-21

Aloha Chair King, Vice Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers,

My name is Keisa Liu and I am testifying in support of Agenda item CARE-50.

I read through some of the testimony and noticed that large businesses who are not in support of this moratorium have been citing the good they have done for the community as a way to prove that allowing them to build is a win-win situation for everyone. I do not believe that it is in the community's best interest to accept PR campaigns as proof that large businesses care about us.

I just want to remind everyone why businesses do "good things" for the environment or a community and their investments are often drops in the bucket compared to their profits.

The sole purpose of a business is to make money. So if you see businesses engaging in seemingly unprofitable endeavors, especially very large businesses like hotel chains, there is probably a money-making reason behind it.

For instance, if you have a hotel chain executive tell you they are doing all these things to protect and respect the environment and culture, that is most likely because, if they don't, it will cut into their profit-margin.

The reality is global public sentiment is that we need to care for our environment. Their customer-base now cares about the environment. Their customer base may be more sympathetic to the host culture issues. So business

executives will make the least costly improvements to keep their base and their profits.

They may have education initiatives but that's just to say they did it. Locally sourced food will be fresher, appease the customer, pacify the local people, and they can pass the extra expense onto the customer. They may invest, let's say, \$4 million on environmentally-friendly energy infrastructure. But they are making hundreds of millions of dollars off of the environment and making this kind of change is smart because it cuts their energy cost. The reality is they are most likely going to get tax breaks for all of these environmentally-friendly initiatives so it is as if they invested nothing.

So when we talk about having a win-win relationship with big businesses like hotel chains, we need to recognize that is the angle the executives are coming from. They are not doing these things because they want to protect the environment or because they care about the local people. They are doing those things because they want to protect their profits.

This is where you come in. It is up to you to protect our environment and our people to help ensure that we have a good quality of life. So yeah, I think there should be a moratorium on visitor accommodations development.

I would ask Council to even go a step further and look at how many planes are coming into our islands every day. Because the reality is, companies are building visitor accommodations in response to the demand. So as long as we have millions of visitors flying into our islands, the hotels are going to want to accommodate that. Profit from that. But if we can somehow slow the flow of tourists, it's not going to make good business sense to build accommodations.

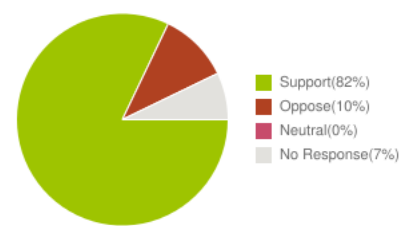
Mahalo for your time and for allowing me to voice my thoughts and suggestions on this matter.

Warmly,

Keisa Liu

Agenda Item: eComments for CARE-50 CC 21-232 MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT (CARE-50)

Overall Sentiment



CARE Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 11:18am 12-01-21

Testimonies Received from CARE Committee

sharon oshaughnessy

Location:
Submitted At: 8:42am 06-10-21

I am in favor of a moratorium on visitor accommodations development. I have lived in Kihei for 43 years. Kihei Road and Piilani Highway cannot handle more traffic. Parking at the Kam beaches is unavailable for residents. I am not opposed to tourism, but we have reached more than the limit already. This is so important it should be on

the ballot. Thank you.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19am 06-10-21

The environment can't take more visitors. We support the moratorium on building. Mahalo.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02am 06-10-21

I support the proposed two year moratorium on hotel building except that two years is gone in a flash. It should be a ten year moratorium to give time for Maui society, economy and committees studying this issue to properly understand what is happening and to come to some sort of balance. Continued population growth and endless development are unsustainable and need to be seriously slowed down. Maui's identity is already seriously diluted by the number of visitors pouring in. Proper housing for workers; restoring our relationship with the environment; and working toward food and energy self sufficiency are our priorities. No more tourists-there are already too many.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16am 06-09-21

Please stop . Every day is such a fight to live in my homeland been here for generations . Slipping into a depression because I am so unsure of my future and my children's future . Where are we going to go . Because of GREED WE GET BOUGHT OUT AND THROWN OUT !

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46am 06-07-21

My wife and I wish to add our support (as in: votes) to those council members who support the the 2 moratorium measures before the council.

As others have mentioned there is already sufficient accommodation for the the 3 million (already too many) visitors who came here pre-pandemic. I will also remind those opposing the moratoriums the unemployment rate pre-pandemic was consistently in the 2% range. Full employment (everyone who wants a job has one) is generally considered by economists to be an unemployment rate of 4-6%. So the need to create new hotel jobs is not a serious consideration at this time.

A significant contributor to the over-tourism issue are the airlines - adding thousands of seats at historically low prices. That needs to be brought under control. One possibility is adding a county arrival and / or departure tax. Enough of a tax to have an impact. Such a tax could be written to not be applied full time residents. Another possibility is to not expand Kahului airport. Do not lengthen the runway and do not add any gates. Make it hard to accommodate additional passengers. Make the airport a better experience for fewer people.

Perhaps the funds from the arrival / departure tax could be used to enhance the effort to find illegal vacation rentals. Find them, shut them down or get them to pay the proper amount of property tax. If a vacation rental is not properly registered you can be reasonably certain the owner is not paying the proper amount of property tax. So those visitors are in effect getting a "free ride" from a tax perspective.

So the two moratoriums are a good place to start. Please pass both.

Mahalo

Robert and Harriet Lefton

Kihei

Marcy Koltun-Crilly

Location:

Submitted At: 5:44pm 06-06-21

I support this moratorium. I have tourists complaining that there are too many tourists on Maui! I have seen what happens to other islands when tourism goes unchecked. The reefs are trashed and the crowds are ridiculous. I have lived in South Kihei for 30 years.

We need to take a time out to figure out the best way to manage tourism. There are more than enough projects including second homes in the works already. This makes sense to no one unless they are heavily profiting from it, but at what cost?

Thank you.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:16am 06-04-21

I am a Lahaina resident and support a moratorium. But that needs to be the first step. Visitor accommodations need to be reduced to reduce the number of visitors on the island each day by about 25%.

Thomas Croly

Location:

Submitted At: 3:31pm 06-02-21

Northface is a company that sells clothing for outdoor activities. They market themselves as an environmentally conscious company. Last year, when Innovex, an oil services company, placed an order for 400 Northface jackets with the Innovex logo to be printed on the jackets as Christmas presents for their employees, Northface refused the order. Saying that putting on the logo of a company associated with the oil industry was not consistent with their Company values.

Earlier this year, the Colorado Oil and Gas association presented a customer appreciation award to the Northface company. They pointed out that most of Northface's products are produced from polyester fabrics that are petroleum produced materials.

The irony could not be missed of this dichotomy between Northface's claimed "values" and the products they sell.

I see a similar dichotomy between the many testifiers who are among the 50,000 new residents of Maui that are saying the roads, the beaches, the parks have gotten more crowded of late.

I also see this dichotomy between this council's actions in 2019 that created 1700 additional Short term rental vacation condos this year thru real property tax policy and now is proposing an action to limit visitor accommodations. 1700 new vacation rental condos, that is more than 5 times all the permitted short term rental homes. That is two Grand Waileas. Sure it generated an additional \$10 million in tax revenues, but at what impact?

Finally, I am questioning the justification basis of this measure. The measure includes a definition of visitor accommodations, but second homes of part time Maui residents are not included in this definition. Yet the 1 visitor for every 3 resident statistic being used as justification includes the 20,000 part-time residents who live in these second homes. If the goal is to expand these part-time residents and limit actual tax paying visitors, This measure seems set to achieve that end.

This measure is being proposed as part of Chapter 20 environmental protection. I don't believe any clear nexus has been established between a limit on visitor accommodations and environmental impacts.

I do believe that Maui County should do more to help manage its growth, environmental protection and compliance with laws. And no one has done more to help with law compliance and collection of proper tax revenues than I. But this measure will not address any of the concerns raised in its preamble.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 06-02-21

I support this moratorium. We need to limit the number of visitors on Maui. I work with tourists almost every day.

And even the tourists are complaining that there are too many tourists on Maui. Limiting visitor accommodations could drive up demand for accommodations and hotels will be able to put up their prices. So that means that there is more money for hotels and our economy, and hopefully, hotel employees can also get a pay raise, up to a livable wage. At the same time, rising visitor accommodation prices will discourage some visitors from coming here, and demand will be reduced, and daily visitor numbers will hopefully stabilize. Mahalo. Suzie Dorn, Kihei.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:12pm 06-02-21

My name is Diego Rivera and I am a current law student at William S. Richardson School of Law. I have an undergraduate degree in Environmental Earth and Soil Science and a graduate degree in Environmental Science and Management. I have walked through the lengths of multiple stream channels throughout South Maui, and this moratorium is extremely important in maintaining the environment. Prior to any buildings being erected, it is obvious through the stream beds that they experience large and fast water flows as evidenced by the lack of soil and abundance of rock on the beds, carved out pools where water falls and rapids drop over steep slopes on their way to the ocean. As more structures are erected throughout South Maui, a permanent cap is placed on the land that prevents water from infiltrating the soil and rock underlying the soil, and diverting runoff into those stream channels that already experience large volumes of fast moving water. With this diversion, runoff not only increases in volume as it accumulates on streets and in storm drains, but it increases in speed and it accumulates pollutants at a higher level. With this increased volume, speed, and pollutant collection the water becomes dangerous not just to existing structures in the area, but it degrades the stream channels used for runoff, it destroys beaches where that runoff leads to the ocean, and those pollutants and sediment that are located in the runoff water kill coral, seaweed, seagrass, and fish, essentially destroying the ecosystem just off shore and ruining the integrity of the sides of those stream channels. As South Maui exists right now, there are intermittent open spaces among housing and hotel developments, meaning there is an unbroken chain of permanent caps on the land that runoff into stream channels and ultimately to the ocean. Should those unbroken chains be completed with further developments, those structures only serve to further accelerate runoff waters in both speed and volume. Additionally, these stream channels used to feed wetlands that bordered the ocean which are not only important habitat for species diversity, but act as a filter for pollutants before water can reach the ocean; those wetlands no longer exist as a result of overdevelopment in the area with most stream channels either being directed into the ocean, or into the ground where the water eventually reaches the ocean as a result of the porous geology underlying the surface. Ultimately this moratorium is important in preventing environmental degradation that will only accelerate as 100 year and 10 year storms grow in frequency and intensity. This moratorium on developments is necessary to maintain the integrity of South Maui's environment, as well as the health of the ocean.

Tom Bacon

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 06-02-21

This Moratorium should be passed. It is not prohibition; it's simply deferring further development for tourist accommodations for enough time to determine whether the benefits outweigh the costs. It gives the Maui leaders two years to plan the management of overtourism which has shown its head in the last few years, and particularly this year.

The lack of data is the precise reason this moratorium should be implemented; it is not a justification for continuing without a moratorium. Deferrals will not result in any long-term impact, but not having a moratorium will cause long-term impact.

Illegal Short Term Rentals should be investigated and shut down effectively, rather than become a reason to dismiss a moratorium. The only illegal STR I know of was shut down after a single rental, proving it is possible and reasonable to enforce.

Vehicles with beds, cartop tents or any sinks, toilets or showers should be treated as short term rentals. There are no facilities in most locations for them to dump waste, they impact the and rural roads and locations negatively and provide little economic benefit to Maui. Many of these are rented by mainland residents, not locals, taking their little economic benefit away.

There should be no exclusions to expand capacity at all for this moratorium. There should be no ability to start a project during the moratorium.

Pamela Tumpap

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50am 06-02-21

Please see attached written testimony.

Consuelo Apolo-gonsalves

Location:

Submitted At: 9:36am 06-02-21

I support a moratorium our resources are getting raped and the food in our oceans are no more i cant even find limu (ogo) where it once was we can't afford anymore tourist beside food resources also we pay for all of them coming here using our facilities and not to mention our emergency services that we pay for we should have them pay for all of these things being they use it more than the residents...Mahalo for letting me voice my opinion

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04am 06-02-21

I support a moratorium on visitor development. As others have stated our resources and infrastructure are limited. There is already enough hotel rooms/condos available for tourists.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00am 06-02-21

My name is Molly Jacobson, and I am a resident of Kihei. I strongly support this moratorium. Over tourism is like a cancer on Maui. I study and write about cancer for a living, and I see all six hallmarks at play in our situation. Not only do we need to STOP building, but we need to do so island-wide. Projects that are being built now should be slowed down, as well. We're at a crisis point, and we MUST get our minds and hearts wrapped around our future. My full testimony is posted here: <https://mollyjacobson.medium.com/over-tourism-on-maui-behaves-exactly-like-cancer-in-the-body-242ca2ed30d4> and is entitled "Over Tourism on Maui Behaves Exactly Like Cancer in the Body. We Must Take It Seriously and Get Into Treatment Immediately." Our golden goose is dying. If we continue the mindless growth, we will lose our health permanently. Tourism must be managed.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 06-02-21

My name is Joy Kaaz, and I am a resident of Kihei. I am writing in support of this moratorium on tourist accommodations, both in South Maui, and island wide. The fragile ecosystems of our island, and existing infrastructure is being destroyed by unregulated and uncapped tourism. An island with only 157,000 residents cannot support 70,000 to 100,000 tourists per day. I humbly and respectfully ask you, for the sake of our aina, our ocean, our quality of life to pass this important piece of legislation. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18am 06-02-21

Item: MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT (CARE-50)

Testimony in support of a proposed bill entitled, "AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 40 RELATING TO A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING PERMITS FOR VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS."

Dear Councilpersons and committee members,

My name is David Dorn and I support this proposed moratorium.

A Moratorium on Hotel building is needed to maintain a sustainable level of tourism Maui. And this Moratorium needs to be made island-wide.

Maui has already exceeded its predetermined level of “sustainable” tourism.

There is now 1 tourist for every 2.4 locals on Maui. This is beyond the maximum 1:3 ratio that was set previously.

Tourism has already grown faster than our ability to manage and accommodate it.

Population growth: By 2045 there will be 300 thousand people on Maui including tourists, almost double what we have today.

Overdependence on Tourism: We learned during the covid shutdown that we were far too over-dependent on tourism.

Amenities: Tourists use all of our same amenities

Water: Visitor accommodations use Huge amounts of freshwater

Carbon Footprint: Tourists have the largest Carbon footprint.

Money: Most money from tourists does not all stay on Maui.

Managed Tourism: Tourism has to be managed and limited to stop the further degradation of Maui.

Affordable housing: The building industry needs to focus on building affordable housing, we have a backlog of needed affordable housing that needs to be built.

Construction Jobs: The construction industry needs to focus on building affordable housing. And they can still maintain and renovate all of the existing visitor accommodations as well.

We do not need more hotels. Than we already have. We need to keep numbers the same, until the ratio with the local population is balanced.

Please Note: No one loses from a moratorium, the number of visitor industry jobs remains constant.

Quality of Life: We need to protect the quality of life for Maui's residents. And not sell out our home to for the sake of building more hotels for off-island corporate profits.

Moratorium: There needs to be a moratorium on all building of tourism accommodation until our balance is restored. We need to stop the expansion of tourism accommodations. We need to reduce the number of tourists on the island to get back to a sustainable level.

Please support this bill for a moratorium, and help us restore the balance on our island. And please make it island-wide,

Aloha,
David Dorn

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59am 06-02-21

I support a Moratorium. Visitor numbers have continued to grow (beyond what the Maui Island Plan calls for) unchecked. Our infrastructure is inadequate...a drive from Kahului to West Side is often bumper to bumper traffic. Residents housing is disappearing with off shore sales. We need a major housing plan for the residents. Continued development of visitor accommodations is counter productive to the quality of life for residents.

Amber Coontz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26pm 06-01-21

Aloha Council and Committee members and mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

My name is Amber Coontz. I'm a resident of Lahaina, a part-time teacher with HIDOE, and a part-time restaurant employee.

I support this BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.41, TITLE 20, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MAUI COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS.

I support a moratorium on all visitor and tourist accommodation for the following reasons.

Maui's current infrastructure is inadequate to support the pre-pandemic levels of tourism experienced prior to March 2020. Waste/sewage treatment facilities and cesspools, roads and parking, medical facilities, and electrical grid/supply are all in need of updates to support Maui's current resident and tourist population.

Maui has severe droughts and water shortages that require residents to restrict water usage multiple times each year.

Maui's near-shore roads are under excessive stress from coastal erosion and high-traffic volume from residents and tourists.

66% of Maui County residents agree "the island is being run for tourists at the expense of local people," according to the HTA Resident Sentiment Survey 2020 Highlights. (The percentage is 73% for West Maui and 67% for Central/East Maui.)

Surveys from HTA and local media in the last year show that residents overwhelmingly agree pre-pandemic levels of tourism were too high. Despite claims from government officials about "regenerative/responsible tourism," Maui is already back to pre-pandemic visitor numbers.

Maui already has an adequate supply of visitor accommodation for pre-pandemic levels of tourism. March, April, and May 2021 had visitor arrival numbers approximately the same or exceeding the numbers for the same time of year in 2018 and 2019.

According to HTA, April 2021 hotel occupancy was 62% and March 2021 was 49%. Why would Maui need additional visitor accommodation when hotels are not operating at full occupancy despite a return to pre-pandemic visitor numbers?

(DBEDT, Visitor Statistics)

May 2021: 189,767

May 2019: 192,997

May 2018: 179,452

April 2021: 164,036

April 2019: 179,077

April 2018: 165,356

March 2021: 155,748

March 2019: 191,003

March 2018: 179,829

Maui County and the State of Hawaii do not have adequate staff or the initiative to effectively enforce short-term accommodation regulations for legal and illegal vacation rental units/properties. Illegal rentals operate with impunity in residential and commercial areas. Also, many legal short-term rentals are not paying TAT/GET due to a lack of enforcement (source: Hawaii Department of Taxation).

Maui County and the State of Hawaii are not consistently regulating and enforcing County and DLNR environmental protection regulations. Commercial activity on beaches and near-shore waters continues on Sundays and holidays. Visitors and residents are crowding hiking trails, beaches, and ocean activities and often

require expensive rescue services.

Maui has a shortage of affordable housing for residents. Maui's median household income is approximately \$75,000 per year. The median home price is approximately \$800,000 and one-bedroom apartment rentals start at \$1,800 per month.

The lack of enforcement on illegal vacation rentals decreases housing supply for residents. How will the County and State regulate additional visitor accommodation if they cannot enforce rules on the existing supply of visitor accommodation?

Employment in the tourism industry is primarily low-wage service jobs which is why the median household income for Maui is \$75,000 per year.

Maui had a low unemployment rate before the pandemic because many residents have to work multiple jobs. Maui employers are struggling to fill current job vacancies since visitor arrivals returned to pre-pandemic levels as of March 2021. Maui residents don't need more tourism jobs. Maui has a shortage of qualified teachers, nurses, doctors, and skilled trades workers. Residents should be trained and recruited to work in education, healthcare, and skilled trades sectors rather than low-wage service jobs.

The construction industry should retrain workers to update the island's outdated and overburdened infrastructure (roads, sewage treatment, electric and sustainable energy supply, etc.) rather than continuing to build luxury homes and visitor accommodation for non-residents.

The status quo approach to mass tourism and overdevelopment has not been working for Maui residents. Adding more visitor accommodation here will not solve any of the issues listed above.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sandra Brissette

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48pm 06-01-21

I am support of the moratorium on building permits for hotels&tourist bldgs. Our water supply could be soon devastated by the permits already granted. Our oceans are already subjected to runoffs not being filtered and insufficient old sewage systems and rising water will in some cases take away some beaches and homes in the future without a plan. The water supply to our small island is already in some areas considered drought condition. Our highways and roads are over crowded.and we have an insufficient bus system that cannot withstand more tourist trying to get around the island while leaving our workers behind. Please consider our future, our residents can't afford housing. Vacation rentals leave us with no affordable homes, Please let the planning commission come up with a approved plan and pass this Bill.

Sincerely

sandra Brissette

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27pm 06-01-21

I support a MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:42pm 06-01-21

From: pt wrk1 <ptwrk1@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 5:19 PM

To: Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>

Subject: I agree on the moratorium of stopping tourist housing, we have a massive problem with local housing.

I can not find a place and continue to live in housing that would be condemned if inspected. I have ran across lots of scams.

Paul Terry
PO Box 8809955
Pukalani, Hi 96788

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 5:40pm 06-01-21

From: Penny Wakida <pwakida@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>
Subject: rental car moratorium

Aloha Ms King,

We applaud your proposal for a moratorium on visitor accommodations and wish to make an additional proposal for your consideration:

A moratorium on rental cars.

We, in West Maui, are especially impacted by traffic generated by rental cars. A trip from Lahaina to Wailuku takes 35 minutes at posted speed limits. This grew during the pre-pandemic era to 1-2 hours. I envision the limiting of rental cars to be controlled by the County at the car permitting department.

Limiting rental cars may create other means of transportation such as airport shuttles (similar to those at the Honolulu airport). Uber, Lyft and other ride sharing services will prosper.

We all were appalled at the acres of rental cars in Kahului after the start of the pandemic. Please help Maui to take control of our visitor industry so that locals can maintain their quality of life.

Thank you for your service to Maui County,

Penny Wakida
retired teacher
Lahaina

Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association HLTA

Location:
Submitted At: 2:53pm 06-01-21

Testimony of the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association - Attached

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:37pm 06-01-21

Aloha Councilmembers,

I'm writing to express my gratitude for Chair King's proposal, an overdue and much needed action. The destruction of our local ecosystems, faltering infrastructure, negative impact on residents, and lack of enough decent-paying jobs - all are urgent factors that must be addressed. It isn't possible to do so without a pause in new resort building. What we have seen is the degradation of the tourist experience as well as harmful impact on locals. We need quality over quantity. Many other resort islands and communities have done just that, for example focusing on eco-tourism so that visitors can learn about the culture and ecosystems, and make a positive contribution to it during their stay. These are the kinds of visitors we could welcome.

We also need the opportunity to consider other income streams than the monopolistic hold tourism has here on Maui. No banking investor in their right mind would put all their eggs in one basket. Neither should Maui.

Who would have imagined that a global pandemic would provide the opportunity for Maui to re-think and review its visitor policies and over-reliance on tourism. The pandemic has been an eye-opening experience during which our people came very close to relying on nothing but "Ketchup and M&Ms" for food. I urge all councilmembers and Mayor Victorino to support the Moratorium.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Madolin Wells, Kihei

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00am 06-01-21

From: Keisa Liu <keisaliu@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 6:48 AM

To: CARE Committee <CARE.Committee@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Keisa Liu - Testimony in Support of CARE-50

Aloha Chair King, Vice Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers,

My name is Keisa Liu and I am testifying in support of Agenda item CARE-50.

I read through some of the testimony and noticed that large businesses who are not in support of this moratorium have been citing the good they have done for the community as a way to prove that allowing them to build is a win-win situation for everyone. I do not believe that it is in the community's best interest to accept PR campaigns as proof that large businesses care about us.

I just want to remind everyone why businesses do "good things" for the environment or a community and their investments are often drops in the bucket compared to their profits.

The sole purpose of a business is to make money. So if you see businesses engaging in seemingly unprofitable endeavors, especially very large businesses like hotel chains, there is probably a money-making reason behind it.

For instance, if you have a hotel chain executive tell you they are doing all these things to protect and respect the environment and culture, that is most likely because, if they don't, it will cut into their profit-margin.

The reality is global public sentiment is that we need to care for our environment. Their customer-base now cares about the environment. Their customer base may be more sympathetic to the host culture issues. So business executives will make the least costly improvements to keep their base and their profits.

They may have education initiatives but that's just to say they did it. Locally sourced food will be fresher, appease the customer, pacify the local people, and they can pass the extra expense onto the customer. They may invest, let's say, \$4 million on environmentally-friendly energy infrastructure. But they are making hundreds of millions of dollars off of the environment and making this kind of change is smart because it cuts their energy cost. The reality is they are most likely going to get tax breaks for all of these environmentally-friendly initiatives so it is as if they invested nothing.

So when we talk about having a win-win relationship with big businesses like hotel chains, we need to recognize that is the angle the executives are coming from. They are not doing these things because they want to protect the environment or because they care about the local people. They are doing those things because they want to protect their profits.

This is where you come in. It is up to you to protect our environment and our people to help ensure that we have a good quality of life. So yeah, I think there should be a moratorium on visitor accommodations development.

I would ask Council to even go a step further and look at how many planes are coming into our islands every day. Because the reality is, companies are building visitor accommodations in response to the demand. So as long as we have millions of visitors flying into our islands, the hotels are going to want to accommodate that. Profit from

that. But if we can somehow slow the flow of tourists, it's not going to make good business sense to build accommodations.

Mahalo for your time and for allowing me to voice my thoughts and suggestions on this matter.

Warmly,

Keisa Liu

Sarah Hofstadter

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28pm 05-31-21

Aloha, CARE Committee members. I am a full-time, permanent resident of Kihei and a member of the HALE Hawai'i community group. I am writing to express my strong support for both of the visitor accommodations moratoriums proposed by Kelly King and Keani Rawlins-Fernandez (or some third version combining the two).

We already have MORE than enough hotel rooms and vacation condos to house the number of visitors Maui's infrastructure can properly handle, and MORE than enough to house the number of visitors we should be permitting under the resident-visitor ratio in our current county plan. Why do the hotels need to expand, when they are not operating at full capacity now? If they really need more revenue, they can raise rates instead. As for the construction workers, if they need jobs, they can get them from building affordable housing for residents, including their own ohanas and friends, instead of additional/expanded hotels and luxury condos for rich people from the mainland. Union opposition to these bills is very short-sighted and narrow-minded.

The tourism pause necessitated by the pandemic gave us the perspective to see that we MUST diversify our economy, both to insulate it against future emergencies and to preserve residents' quality of life, as well as Maui's infrastructure and ecosystems. Let's not waste the present opportunity to build on that insight with actual policy changes. Let's not succumb to the pressure for tourism growth, when what we need is better tourism management. Let's not build any more of what we have too much of already. Instead, let's focus Maui's workforce and investment resources on the things we really NEED and DON'T have: affordable housing, updated infrastructure, more local food production, and a better future for our keiki, with good-paying jobs that enable them to stay on island.

It has been reported that Mayor Victorino is threatening to veto these bills. Please don't let that discourage you from passing them. Both of these bills reflect the overwhelming sentiment of your constituents that Maui residents deserve to be treated as MORE important than visitors, not less. We, not the visitors or the tourism industry, are the ones who will be voting in the next election. If the Mayor vetoes these bills, you can and SHOULD override him.

Thank you for your attention. - Sarah Hofstadter, Kihei resident



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

CARE-50 Moratorium on Visitor Accommodations Development Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Dear Committee Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci and
Members of the Climate Action, Resilience and Environment Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce opposes this measure to place a moratorium on all new visitor accommodations across Maui County. We provided testimony several times on the other proposed moratorium that was specifically for South and West Maui and we stand by our previous testimony. However, we wanted to bring up important points that economist Paul Brewbaker made during our Business Matters radio show on June 1st. His valid points shared include:

- While vacation rental numbers have grown, other lodging inventory has actually decreased in the last 30 years.
- Hotels and resorts in particular are already in the zoned areas where accommodations were planned.
- Data and resources are available to better understand what and how to manage specific issues like traffic, infrastructure, environment, and affordable housing and rentals.
- Prohibition is not management.

These points well explain why the Maui Chamber of Commerce does not support unilateral moratoriums. They are inflexible and are not a management tool. They do not actually change anything, they just put a stay on solving the actual problems. We feel the Council should be looking at this holistically and using the data to address these community concerns.

For these reasons we oppose the proposed Moratorium on Visitor Accommodations Development and ask that you work with experts like Paul Brewbaker and others and review the data before making decisions. Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to provide testimony.

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.



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of
Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Maui County Council
Climate Action, Resilience, & Environment Committee
June 2, 2021

CARE-50: MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT

Chair King and members of the Committee, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers —advocates on behalf of an industry that has been disproportionately hamstrung by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our people and our businesses are just beginning to get back on their feet, and we, as community, should be trying to make it easier for businesses to recover safely especially during an economic downturn that has hurt our state's top economic driver. At its core, this proposed measure unfairly discriminates against a single industry that consistently contributes millions of dollars each year in State and county revenues.

It should also be noted that the findings of this proposed measure cite tourism statistics from 2019 that do not take into account the pandemic, or the year-long depression in visitor arrival numbers. These numbers will not rebound overnight- we will not see 10 million visitors statewide or 70,000 daily visitors to Maui County any time soon. This would provide ample time to update the Maui Island Plan without limiting measured growth and or renovation of aging properties.

Moreover, the proposed language of the measure cites several goals including the lowering of carbon emissions, climate change mitigation, and limiting global warming by “pausing visitor accommodation development and the related increase in tourism” but limiting development and renovation now would not accomplish this. Any restriction on hotel development would not in any effective manner lower the demand for travel to Maui County at this time. It would, however, severely limit a property's ability to retrofit or upgrade its infrastructure during planned rebuilding.

Finally, restricting construction, expansion, or renovation would only harm other sectors of our economy like construction and other trades that have survived the pandemic. Building permits of all types ultimately mean more projects and, by extension, more jobs for Maui residents. It would seem self-destructive to enact such limiting constraints on both the travel industry and the trades in Maui which is historically the county most reliant upon tourism for its economic well-being. This fact was made especially clear during and throughout a pandemic that has left Hawai'i with the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

Our organization opposed CC21-191 as it proposed a moratorium on building permits for visitor accommodations in West and South Maui. We likewise stand in opposition to CARE-50.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

CARE Committee

From: Paula Phillips <paulalee@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:05 PM
To: CARE Committee
Subject: Mahalo

Mahalo CARE Committee Members for doing the right thing and passing the Moratorium on Building permits for visitor accommodations.

Hopefully this will be revised for the whole county, but this is a great start.

Mahalo nui loa,

Paula Phillips

CARE Committee

From: jhigashi@hawaiilodging.org
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 2:52 PM
To: County Clerk; CARE Committee
Cc: 'Mufi Hannemann'
Subject: HLTA Testimony: CARE-50 - Moratorium on visitor accommodations development (June 2nd Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee meeting)
Attachments: HLTA Testimony_CARE 50_Climate Action_Resilience_and_Environment Committ....pdf

Aloha Maui County Clerk and Maui CARE Committee,
Please see the attached document for the testimony of Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association President & CEO **Mufi Hannemann** in opposition to CARE-50: Moratorium on visitor accommodations development.
This is for the June 2nd Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee meeting.

Mahalo.

Best,
Jared Higashi

Correspondence submitted on behalf of Mufi Hannemann, President & CEO, Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association



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From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 3:22 PM
To: CARE Committee
Subject: FW: PRP Testimony re Moratorium On Visitor Accommodations Development (CARE-50)
Attachments: PRP Testimony_Communication 21-232_Moratorium _CARES_1 June 2021.pdf

Importance: High

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Subject: PRP Testimony re Moratorium On Visitor Accommodations Development (CARE-50)
Importance: High

Aloha,

Attached please find PRP's testimony for tomorrow's CARE committee meeting.

Thank you,

Christopher Delaunay

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council
Council of the County of Maui
Climate Action, Resilience, And Environmental Committee
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Chair
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Vice Chair

Communication No. 21-232 and Transmittal Of Legislative Proposal Relating To Moratorium On Visitor
Accommodations Development

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Aloha Chair King, Vice Chair Sinenci, and Members of the Committee.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a non-profit market recovery trust fund which represents approximately 7,000 men and women union carpenters and 240 large and small contractors. With our expertise in research, compliance, marketing, and project advocacy, we are committed to building a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Hawaii.

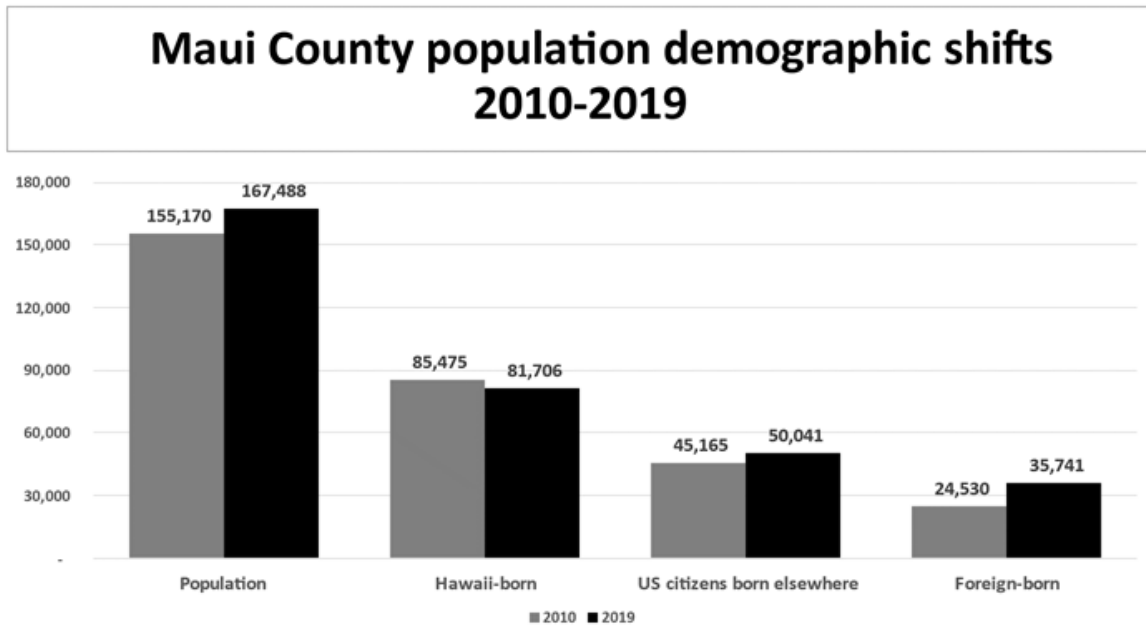
Our state has the highest cost of living in the nation and COVID-19 only exasperated the challenges for many of our residents at a time when unemployment has skyrocketed. Maui has taken a larger hit with higher unemployment rates than the state and a slower economic recovery.

Imposing a moratorium on the construction of visitor accommodations will only further hurt Maui's economic recovery. Maui's economy benefits tremendously from the visitor industry. Between 2020 and 2021, 77% of Maui's property tax contribution came from visitor-use property. Prior to the pandemic, accommodations were the largest employer for the county employing 12,900 residents, which dropped 60 percent and has yet to rebound. Limiting visitor accommodations through a moratorium will also limit the growth of other industries like construction, retail, restaurants, and many of our small businesses. These industries provide important employment opportunities for local residents who depend on these jobs to survive and raise a family on Maui.

From 2010 – 2019, there has been a decline in Hawaii-born residents and an increase in US citizen born and foreign-born residents on Maui. A moratorium will likely accelerate this trend causing Hawaii-born residents and their families to leave Maui for more job opportunities and a better life elsewhere.



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Source: <https://data.census.gov/>

Let's create policies that will help revive the economy, get our community back to work, and keep local residents Maui. As such, we respectfully request that this committee defer this measure.

CARE Committee

From: Kelly King
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 3:39 PM
To: CARE Committee
Cc: Axel I. Beers
Subject: FW: Statement of ILWU Local 142 on County Communication 21-232 Moratorium on Visitor Accommodations Development
Attachments: Statement of ILWU On County Communication 21-232 Moratorium on Visitor Accommodations Development.pdf

Statement re: Moratorium

With Aloha,
Sarah Sexton
On behalf of Councilmember Kelly Takaya King

From: Joyce Naruse <jnaruse@ilwulocal142.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:51 AM
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Subject: Statement of ILWU Local 142 on County Communication 21-232 Moratorium on Visitor Accommodations Development

Good afternoon, Council Member King and Council Member Sinenci. Attached please find the Statement of the ILWU Local 142 on County Communication 21-232 Moratorium on Visitor Accommodations Development.

Joyce Naruse

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June 1, 2021

Maui County Council
Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor
Councilmember Kelly King, Chair
Councilmember Shane Sinenci, Vice Chair
Wednesday, June 2, 2021; 9:00 a.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON COUNTY COMMUNICATION 21-232 MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT

The ILWU Local 142 opposes the proposed bill County Communication 21-232 which would place a moratorium on tourist accommodations.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused record unemployment throughout Hawaii and hit Maui County the hardest. At the height of the pandemic, Maui County exceeded 32 percent unemployment and as of March 2021, the unemployment rate on Maui is still near a record high with 12.2 percent of the workforce unemployed. This means today there are still thousands of workers without jobs and while the economy is slowly recovering and some workers are returning back to work, it is going to take a few years before the economy may reach pre-pandemic levels.

And we understand the need for a sustainable and green Hawaii – it is all our responsibility to protect our home and its natural resources and beauty. But we cannot do this at the expense of jobs and working families. We have not seen any adequate economic diversification proposals from the Maui Council that would address the workforce and help working families. What we have seen unfortunately is an assault on the visitor industry that employees thousands of good-paying jobs for local residents, many who were born and raised on Maui, Lanai, or Molokai. Instead, local residents are leaving in record numbers which is the last thing we want to see. This is their home where their families live, where they went to school, and where they saw their children raised.

And let's be perfectly clear – this type of action is going to lead to more illegal vacation rentals throughout all of Maui County. Tourists are going to inundate residential neighborhoods; rental properties are going to be harder to find and the cost of living is going to increase making it harder for working families to get by. This proposal does not limit the amount of flights coming into Maui – tourists are still going to arrive. We should focus on keeping tourists in hotels which also pay good-wages to many residents on Maui – something vacation rentals fail to do.

It is easy to pick on a particular economic sector but doing so is not helping working families. The fact of the matter is this is the last thing the Maui Council should be considering. We need to ensure good-paying jobs are available to all Maui residents. A moratorium on hotel construction and visitor accommodations will limit and reduce good-paying jobs and hurt economic recovery. Workers are




struggling and we should not make it worse. Let us keep our families in Hawaii and work on how to address an economy that works for them.

For those reasons, we strongly oppose. Economic recovery should be paramount during this time. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

ILWU Local 142
Maui Division

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roberto Andrion" followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

Roberto Andrion
Division Director

CARE Committee

From: Kelly King
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 9:07 AM
To: CARE Committee
Cc: Axel I. Beers
Subject: FW: Testimony in Support of MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT (CARE-50)

Might be too late to send this. Please let me know the cut off Nicole.

From: David Dorn <daviddorn808@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:29 AM
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Subject: Testimony in Support of MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT (CARE-50)

Item: MORATORIUM ON VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS DEVELOPMENT (CARE-50)

Testimony in support of a proposed bill entitled, "AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 40 RELATING TO A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING PERMITS FOR VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS."

Dear Councilpersons and committee members,
My name is David Dorn and I support this proposed moratorium.
A Moratorium on Hotel building is needed to maintain a sustainable level of tourism Maui. And this Moratorium needs to be made island-wide.

Maui has already exceeded its predetermined level of "sustainable" tourism.

There is now 1 tourist for every 2.4 locals on Maui. This is beyond the maximum 1:3 ratio that was set previously. Tourism has already grown faster than our ability to manage and accommodate it.

Population growth: By 2045 there will be 300 thousand people on Maui including tourists, almost double what we have today.

Overdependence on Tourism: We learned during the covid shutdown that we were far too over-dependent on tourism.

Amenities: Tourists use all of our same amenities

Water: Visitor accommodations use Huge amounts of freshwater

Carbon Footprint: Tourists have the largest Carbon footprint.

Money: Most money from tourists does not all stay on Maui.

Managed Tourism: Tourism has to be managed and limited to stop the further degradation of Maui.

Affordable housing: The building industry needs to focus on building affordable housing, we have a backlog of needed affordable housing that needs to be built.

Construction Jobs: The construction industry needs to focus on building affordable housing. And they can still maintain and renovate all of the existing visitor accommodations as well.

We do not need more hotels than we already have. We need to keep tourist numbers the same until the ratio with the local population is balanced.

Please Note: No one loses from a moratorium, the number of visitor industry jobs remains constant.

Quality of Life: We need to protect the quality of life for Maui's residents. And not sell out our home for the sake of building more hotels for off-island corporate profits.

Moratorium: There needs to be a moratorium on all building of tourism accommodation until our balance is restored. We need to stop the expansion of tourism accommodations. We need to reduce the number of tourists on the island to get back to a sustainable level.

Please support this bill for a moratorium, and help us restore the balance on our island. And please make it island-wide,

Aloha,
David Dorn
Kihei Maui

CARE Committee

From: Jordan <jhocker07@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 11:24 AM
To: CARE Committee
Subject: Jordan Hocker Testimony CARE committee 6/2/2021

I support the proposed legislation for a number of reasons and want to mirror the valid points brought up by the other testifiers in support of this who have spent their free time doing their research and were not paid to appear today. I'll speak specifically to unfettered growth and how it affects the environment. It's a simple matter of carrying capacity. If you have too many people in one area the natural resources will be eroded and the carrying capacity will be exceeded, while data is important, you need only eyes to see how much our coastal areas benefited from the break in visitors last year. As the data in the proposed legislation suggests, we have exceeded the carrying capacity regarding tourism and need to find ways to come back into compliance with the recommendations in the Maui Island plan. I'll use a very basic example of sand dune restoration, if even a few people consistently walk on a dune, it erodes the dune and it inhibits the native species ability to grow and hold the sand in place. As you know our beaches are disappearing due to sea level rise and short sighted decisions for beach hardening of which we are paying the price of currently. The reason I bring this up is because the tourism industry RELIES on the environmental resources to sell the image of Maui to visitors. That's their bread and butter, without the beauty of our natural resources, people don't have a reason to come here and spend their money. Too many people equals erosion of our natural resources, there is no way around that. We have enough visitors, we don't need to accommodate more and more with no end.

What concerns me the most is that despite being HEAVILY against any CARE 50 legislation, the visitor industry has never been able to communicate it's plans to check their own growth, which leads me to believe that they don't have one. I'm deeply concerned by this. I hear that short term rental explosion is a concern, but I don't see how this bill in anyway interferes in the enforcement of STR. STR rental permits must be approved, therefore, we can absolutely control that. In regards to the displacement of hawaii born people, tourism brings people here who choose to move here. I'm a member of a FB group called Maui Bound and it's alarming the amount of people choosing to buy houses here right now. Maybe the industry, which boasts employing so many people, should pay people an actual living wage and people won't need to leave.

We are at carrying capacity, overtourism is on our doorstep all over the island. This moratorium allows us to develop strategies for sustainable land use, and management of water resources of which the hotels are MAJOR consumers. We can use this time to develop strategy and implementation that reduces visitor need for car rental, thus freeing up traffic congestion and reducing carbon in Maui County. We need this for our entire island, we need time to figure out the issues, which don't even include the housing "bomb" happening right now.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 11:33 AM
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Cc: gabe.johnson@maui.county.us
Subject: Jordan Hocker Testimony 5/19/21: What is a living wage?

Aloha chair and committee members,

In my multiple pieces of testimony, I've pretty much covered what I have to say. Myself and many others have covered the issue of over tourism: The climate impacts, the infrastructure impacts, the environmental impacts, the impacts to our quality of life. So today I'll be focusing on the concept of resilience, more so to address the threat always levied by lobbyists which is that any restriction will negatively affect jobs. No doubt economic security for Maui's families is tied into resilience. Now this moratorium isn't going to remove the jobs that already exist, but let's look at what it means to be employed by the tourism industry. In the last committee meeting Kekoa McClellan boasted that the industry pays an average of \$17, which is on the surface the recommended wage from the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism's (DBEDT) from a 2018 report. Looking closer: Before taxes, that's around \$32,000 a year. Now this number is only considered a living wage for 1 person. Now according to a 2019 report from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \$54,700 a year in Maui County is considered "low income" The Alice Project Hawaii in 2015, outlined an even more dire set of circumstances, which in 2020 equates a family of 4 needs to make over \$80,000 a year. Both earners would need to make at least \$20 an hour to accomplish this. I bring these numbers into focus to suggest that the tourism industry employers don't need to expand at this time, post covid they need to make sure every single person employed is paid a living wage for their families, not their perceived skill level. The tourism levels are back to normal. This moratorium would give them the opportunity to figure out how they want to actually serve all of their employees and Maui's families in an equitable way. Now the issue of iwi kupuna. I need to mention that the Grand Wailea is proposing expansion at this exact moment in time, while being in a contested case over burial desecration. No doubt they will strike iwi again, no doubt almost all of the hotels encounter iwi kupuna in their building and expansion, which is an issue that could be addressed first, instead of heirs having to fight on-going development.

Do not delay, do not defer to the planning department, please have this moratorium apply county wide. Thank you.

CARE Committee

From: Kelly King
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2021 10:00 AM
To: CARE Committee
Cc: Axel I. Beers
Subject: FW: solutions to limit visitor arrivals

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Additional written testimony for CM King's moratorium bill.

With Aloha,
Sarah Sexton
On behalf of Councilmember Kelly Takaya King

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Subject: solutions to limit visitor arrivals

Aloha Council Members!

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit written and video testimony today in support of the moratorium on visitor/transient accommodation. I have a few additional points to add to my original written testimony.

The most effective solution for decreasing visitor numbers while increasing visitor spending is to significantly increase TAT and establish an additional tax on rental cars. When prices go up, demand goes down. After the moratorium has been approved, county and state officials should work together to permanently increase taxes on all transient accommodation and rental vehicles for visitors.

HTA research shows hotel/resort guests spend more money on visitor activities, food, and accommodation than visitors who stay in timeshares and vacation rental units/properties. Hotels/resorts employ more full-time staff with benefits than timeshare properties and short term rentals also. Government officials should regulate and enforce TAT and GET collection on all short term rentals to increase tax revenue, shut down illegal rentals and "legal" rentals committing tax evasion, and encourage visitors to stay at the existing hotel/resort facilities on island.

There's already enough visitor accommodation on Maui for pre-pandemic levels of visitors, which Maui has already been experiencing since March 2021. There's certainly been a surge in demand from mainland U.S. visitors that might drop after this year, but international visitors have not returned to pre-pandemic levels due to ongoing Covid restrictions in their countries. However, residents agree that pre-pandemic visitor levels were (and are) too high for Maui's infrastructure and fragile natural environment.

Maui's infrastructure is in dire need of updates and union trades/construction workers need employment that's not based on building additional visitor accommodation. We will run out of space eventually due to a finite amount of land and resources. Can the County and State work together to create retraining projects for union workers to update, repair, and modernize Maui's infrastructure? The roads, waste treatment facilities, electrical grid, and medical facilities are all in poor condition for the existing resident and visitor population. The federal government is

currently working on a massive infrastructure funding plan to create jobs in sustainable energy and update our country's infrastructure. Right now is the perfect time for Maui residents in trades/construction to be trained to improve and maintain the island's infrastructure and hopefully use federal funds to make this a reality.

Maui County and the State should also create a standardized training and recruitment program for residents to become teachers, nurses, and doctors. Increased TAT revenue and enforcement of overdue TAT/GET collections on short-term rentals could fund this program. It should be standardized for all islands and be low or no cost for residents who sign a contract to work for HDOE or Hawaii medical facilities for 5 years.

There are plenty of common sense solutions to Maui's overdevelopment problems, but the lobbyists have the loudest voices (and they're paid to give testimony while residents are busy working multiple low-wage service jobs). None of these solutions are easy but they are possible if government officials work on behalf of their island constituents instead of special interest groups working for airlines, real estate developers, and resort industries.

Mahalo for your time!
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