

LU Committee

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To: LU Committee
Subject: Bnb Permit Update

Hello,

I have lived in Kihei for twenty years and owned my home in the Keonekai Heights area since March 2000. I have operated my small business, Hughes Photographics, Inc., and been a tax payer in Maui since 1999.

About a year ago, I was discussing with a friend my attached one bedroom ohana and the pluses and minuses I experienced as using it as a long term rental. My friend suggested the idea of a BnB. As I looked into this option and I decided take this approach, there was no doubt that I would file for a permit.

In March of 2018, I became familiar with and began the process to obtain the BnB permit which included making upgrades to meet code requirements, re-inspections, etc. I stayed on top of the process from mid-March until early June when all aspects were completed. The full set of files/PDF, forms, inspections and the permit fee for the BnB permit were submitted and accepted on June 15 2018.

I submitted my bed and breakfast permit application four months ago. I have patiently waited for my application to be processed and now I understand that a bill is before you would stop BnB permits from being granted for the use of accessory dwellings, including applications that date prior to approval of the bill.

It is unfair to change the rules after the fact.

If short term rentals are the true source of the problem, address the individuals/companies that are doing so illegally, not those of us that are attempting to provide a service in a legal manner. Perhaps the change should be made to affect applications submitted after a future date, a date which has been made public.

If this bill is passed as written, I would revert to using my ohana as storage and home office because the rental revenue is minimal for the efforts and trouble after maintenance costs, income and other taxes, fees, etc.

I hope you consider the fairness of this bill to those who followed the procedures as stated. Thank you for your consideration.

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