

PSLU Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 7:03 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Re: Testimony Bills 145 & 146

I have revised my testimony. Please submit this version. Please confirm that you have received. Thank you.

Take care,

Netra Halperin, MA

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On Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 3:24 PM Netra Halperin <netra@opulentdesign.com> wrote:

Dear County Clerk,

Please forward my testimony on Bills 145 and 146 (STRHs in Paia and Haiku), to the members of the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee.

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Bill 145/146
Bill's Relating to the Paia-Haiku Community Plan
Relating to Visitor Accommodations

I support Bill 145. I oppose Bill 146.

1. The main industries of Paia and Haiku are tourism and wind/kitesurfing. There are only a few actual hotels in this area. The locally owned businesses in Paia Town, Haiku Town and Makawao Town rely on visitors to thrive. While some tourists do come over from Kihei or Kaanapali for day trips, tourists staying in the area will patronize all to the shops and restaurants much more often. Thus, it is critical for the North Shore/Upcountry economy to allow visitor lodging in Paia and Haiku.
2. There are very few jobs in Paia and Haiku. Many have thus turned to illegal (drug manufacturing and distribution) means for survival. The jobs created by tourism: entrepreneurship, retail, restaurant, housekeeping, landscaping and maintenance provide legitimate jobs for local residents.
3. There is already a cap on the number of STRH's allowed. This is a small fraction of the STRH's operating *without* a permit. Changing the cap at this point would not be helping anything, and would be a *taking* of property rights already granted.
4. Much of Paia and Haiku are in the SMA zone, so prohibiting STRHs in the SMA zone is in effect a ban on STRHs in Paia/Haiku. Also, the best place for STRH's is near the ocean. Property near the ocean will *never* be "affordable housing". Thus, I object to the amendment taking away the right to apply for an STRH permit within the SMA area.

Please pass Bill 145, and amend the Community Plan to again allow STRH's within Paia and Haiku.

Please to NOT pass bill 146, *taking* away the ability to apply for an STRH in the SMA area and reducing the cap to 65.

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