

PSLU Committee

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Subject: STRH Letter
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Aloha Council Members,
Please find my letter attached in regards to the STRH situation,
Feel free to contact me directly for more information,
Michael Grier.
357-1004

Dear County Council Member,

We are writing in regards to the upcoming consideration of STRH and bed and breakfast legislation, Bill 145 and Bill 146.

Regarding Bill 145, we are in support of the proposed amendments to the Pa'ia-Ha'iku Community Plan. We rely on our short term rental as our primary source of income for our family.

When we purchased the lot that is now our short term rental it was completely run down. The long term tenants that were there were selling drugs, they were not interested paying their rent on time and the rent amount was always short when they would finally pay it. In the end I had to hire an attorney to evict them.

Having a short term rental gives us the equity to keep our property in excellent condition. We regularly hire local trades people, plumbers, electricians, painters, tree trimmers and of course our wonderful cleaners who keep our cottages spotless!

Our guests bring lots of money to other businesses in Haiku and it would be a basic financial mistake to not allow an operation like ours.

I would say we collect about \$14,250 in TAT and \$6,000 in GET every year, while having zero negative impact in Haiku or on Maui.

STRHs and bed and breakfast homes must remain an option for international travelers.

Accept our written testimony as support for Bill 145. It is important to us that our application process be finally completed and the permits granted.

Ha'iku residents,

Michael Grier and Junko Nagoshi