

PSLU Committee

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Aloha PSLU Committee Members,

Please accept the attached Testimony in regards to Bill 145 and 146.

I was unable to attend the meeting this evening due to prior work commitments.

Thank you for your attention, and for your service to the community.

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Testimony Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee
Council of Maui County

Meeting : Wednesday, August 7th, 2019

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Aloha Committee Members

I submit my testimony for consideration. I was unable to attend the meeting of August 7th 2019 due to prior work commitments.

BILL 145

I support this change in the Community Plan, with the EXCEPTION OF PART ONE.

The first portion I support.

The portion that should be changed : Proposed language starting with "No New" and finishing with "changes in the character of the region's coast" should be repealed.

Why should it be repealed?

- STR's abutting the shoreline change the character of this region's coast is in no way more than any STR would change the character of any other place on the island. The existing STR application program already has strategies in place to deny the approval of applications that change the character of any neighborhood too much.
- STR's on this coast may change the shoreline less than in other areas. Homes located on the coast are often owned by second homeowners. These homeowners will not add to the affordable rental pool by long term renting their homes. By allowing STR's in these desirable shoreline homes, the local economy benefits from the tourism income.
- Current County law allows for people with properties valued at over \$3.2M to have more than one STR permit. At the same time we are now saying that if you have a home in Paia/Haiku where the median selling price of a home on the shoreline in the last 2 years was \$3.55M, you cannot apply for a permit because it will change the character of the coastline. This is inconsistent.

BILL 146

I DO NOT support the proposed language in R-4 of the Bill.

- Most of Paia, all of Kuau, all of Hana Highway makai of Hana Hwy to and including Huelo are in the SMA now.
- This Bill is basically saying "No Short Term Rentals on the North Shore".

- Prohibition never works, tourism will continue to find a way. Maui's north shore is a mecca for watersports and is famous in the watersports communities around the world.
- There are already strong limits and ways neighbors can influence the issuing of permits.
- We need to focus on the actual problem of Affordable Housing, and this is not the way to get more inventory.
- Indeed this will turn back the clock, reduce tax collection, stop safety and regulation, slow business down in the restaurants and shops, end legal jobs and leave people with fewer options.

Thank you for your consideration; and for serving the citizens of Maui.

Aloha
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