

PSLU Committee

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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony from Pamela Tumpap, President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce on PSU-59.

Mahalo,



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**Testimony on PSLU-59
Relating to Transient Vacation Rentals in the Apartment Districts and
Industrial Districts & Dwelling Units in the Industrial Districts
Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

Dear Chair Paltin, Vice-Chair Sinenci and
Members of the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports the testimony from the Professional Rental Management Association (PRMA). PRMA is a new trade council with the Maui Chamber of Commerce and many of their members are impacted by this proposed bill.

With respect to retroactive legislative proposals, the Maui Chamber never supports retroactive legislation because we feel it is not transparent to the public. Therefore, we ask that you change the language from “prior to January 2020” to “prior to January 2021” to give property owners sufficient notice of the change.

In regards to the proposed amendment requiring property registration numbers posted on all advertisements for these apartment-zoned short-term rentals, we would support this section if the process is as simple as the amendment describes where the Planning Director assigns a registration number for each property, with no process or cost to obtain it. This registration number would not necessarily help locate illegal rentals, as you would not know if a particular unit is paying the proper Transient Accommodations and Real Property taxes, but we understand the purpose is to be consistent with other TVR rules. We also support the feedback from PRMA that just posting the TAT registration number posted in advertisements for these particular Short-Term Rentals (who are in the proper zoning) should suffice.

Mahalo for 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.