

GET Committee

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Subject: Testimony in Support of GET-60
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Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Aubrey Ahana and I have attached a document I wish to submit as a testimony for the GET Committee Meeting on October 6th, 2020 @9am. The attached testimony is in support of agenda item GET - 60.

Mahalo Loa.

Sincerely,
Aubrey Ahana

To: Committee on Governance, Ethics, and Transparency
Council Member Michael J. Molina, Chair
Council Member Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair

From: Aubrey Ahana

Date: October 5, 2020

Subject: Support for Maui County Social Host Liability Regulations; GET-60

My name is Aubrey Ahana and I live in Wailuku, Maui. I am a sophomore attending Kamehameha schools, and a proud member of the Maui Nui Youth Council. The Maui Nui Youth Council is a group of youth volunteers in Maui County who contribute to developing policies that prevent and reduce youth from using drunks and alcohol. This is my first year attending this organization and I fully concur with what the Maui Nui Youth Council aims to achieve. I am writing to express my support for the Maui Social Host Liability Regulation - agenda item GE-60, and to ask for you to vote in favor of it because it is for the safety of our generation. Kids and teens should not have the capability to obtain alcoholic substances at such a young age. Alcohol is the most accessible drug to teens, and according to a local survey of over 400 youth from all of Maui County, conducted by the Maui Coalition for Drug-Free Youth, teens of Maui County state that over half of youth who drink alcohol, do it at house parties (MCDFY Survey, 2018). There is a logical reason to why the drinking age is 21 and older.

I care about underage drinking prevention because I have friends that are currently dealing with depression, and I would not want them to entangle themselves with a substance that could determine their future in a negative aspect. Drinking causes a variety of life threatening situations and gives more negative outcomes than positive. The Maui Social Host Liability Regulation is a solution to this issue because it holds the parents/ guardians accountable for their child's actions. Guardians would further determine whether a party should be allowed on their premises or if the party should ever occur in the first place. The Social Host Liability Regulation Ordinance is trying to reduce house parties to discourage underage drinking from transpiring.

In conclusion, the Social Host Liability Regulation could save many lives and keep traumatic events from occurring. The MCDFY youth survey mentions that half of youth who drink at house parties report that fighting is common (2018). Theoretically speaking, if you were to eliminate drinking from the equation, the possibilities of a fight to occur would be eminently low. All for all, the Social Host Liability Regulation would be a significant asset to the community and future generations. Therefore, will you be willing to support the ordinance and pass the Social Host Liability Regulation into a law.

Sincerely,
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