

ETT Testimony

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Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1471 on Mar 22, 2017 14:45PM*

HB1471

Submitted on: 3/20/2017

Testimony for ETT/PSM on Mar 22, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Suzy Okino	Individual	Support	No

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Michal Cohen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1471. It will make it easier for people to be compliant with taxes.

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Council Woman Sue Lee Loy	Individual	Support	No

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To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chairman
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

My name is Gina AK LeTourneur
I represent myself
My number is 8087824867

The hearing day is Tuesday March 22,
2017 at 245pm

Re Bill 1471. I support this bill

I am a native of Hawaii and I am not in favor of Bill 1471.

The reasons I am supporting this bill is because I have been renting long term for over ten years and it has not been a good experience. I am a single mother for thirty years. I worked three jobs to get where I am at. I bought a home and rented long term for over 15 years. I have had to go to court over five times, each time the court ruled in my favor. From squatters, to home destruction, to tenants skipping out on rent and leaving my place in shambles. I have supported my two daughters and I have a disabled daughter and grandson that I support. I have switched to renting 30 days or more at a time and this has been a good experience. I pay my GE taxes on my own. The reason I SUPPORT 1471 is because I want to do the right thing. I want to be legal. I am not trying to make millions, just supplement my mortgage and pay my bills. This is a win-win situation if the bill passes in that the monies can go back to our state and counties.

Thank you for listening to my stand on SUPPORTING BILL 1471

Gina LeTourneur

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Prentiss	Kailua Neighborhood Board	Oppose	No

Comments: New Breakthrough Study Smashes Airbnb's Homesharing Myth March 9, 2017
AirbnbWATCH Hot off the presses, a new study documents the rise of commercial activity taking place on Airbnb nationwide. The study adds to the overwhelming weight of evidence that the real driver of Airbnb's growth are commercial operators who at best stretch – and often break – the law. The study reveals that Airbnb's business is moving even further away from the mom and pop, renting-out-a-room-to-earn-a-buck homesharing it has long claimed. In fact, 81% of Airbnb's U.S. revenue – a whopping \$4.6 billion – comes from whole-unit rentals where the owner is not present during the time of the rental. Hmm... it almost makes you wonder if the billions of dollars Airbnb makes off of these units – and not, say, spare guest bedrooms – are why they refuse to share transparent data about their operations. Despite its claims of helping people afford to stay in their homes, Airbnb has facilitated the growth of "illegal hotels" in residential neighborhoods that are disrupting communities, impacting affordable housing and jeopardizing safety and security for guests and neighbors alike. That doesn't really seem like a fair trade-off to us. This study echoes a growing body of research that shows Airbnb "hosts" renting out two or more entire home units are the fastest growing segment of Airbnb's business in the U.S., generating nearly \$2 billion in revenue nationally in 2016, or 40% of Airbnb's entire-unit national revenue. The study shows that the country's illegal hotel problem is only getting worse, although there are some markets (New York City and San Francisco) where the data indicates that stricter short-term rental regulation may be effective at curbing illegal hotel activity. Hopefully, this new data provides policymakers with the information they need to continue efforts to close the "illegal hotel loophole" and hold Airbnb accountable for the unregulated commercial activity taking place on its platform.

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: Celso Idia celsoidia@gmail.com
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Do the right thing to protect our affordable housing and our communities. There are too many homeless families and individuals living on the streets and fighting to survive. Do not let this issue be about money, take care of the people. Protect our affordable housing, not only for now but for future generations. This will ensure future generations don't have to move away from the state in order to find a place to live and make a living.

Mahalo,

Ginger P.D. Bray

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From: Michael deYcaza mdeycaza@yahoo.com
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From: Heidi mauiheidi@sol.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

There are no such thing as affordable homes. The prices for rental is outrageous especially here on maui. Just working a

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Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Illegal rentals do not provide jobs, and create a second-class of law-abiding, tax-paying citizens. We need jobs, livable jobs with union benefits, for local people. Illegal-rentals are an obvious detriment to the middle-class in a tourism-based economy and thousands of people.

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From: Ross Villiger rossvill@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

Dear Chairs Wakai and Nishihara and Committee Members:

I am a lifetime resident of Hawai'i and, along with many other young adults and others here, am being squeezed out by the system and can only fantasize about home ownership here at home as prices continue to increase much faster than inflation year after year. Killing this bill will prevent the situation from escalating and worsening. Also, the homeless epidemic in Kaka'ako and on West O'ahu is a major problem for the most vulnerable in our communities and we must improve on affordable housing at home to treat the root cause of homelessness in the islands.

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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1471

TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

RE: TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of HB1471, RELATING TO TAXATION

HEARING:

Committees	Conf. Room	Date/Time
ETT/PSH/CPH	414	March 20, 2017 1:15 PM

TESTIMONY FROM: "Loke" Susan Simon

Aloha, Chair Senator Wakai and Vice Chair Senator Tanaguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for representing the people of Hawaii and considering our views.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of HB1471 which allows transient accommodations brokers (such as Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway) to register as tax collection agents to collect and remit general excise and transient accommodations taxes on behalf of operators and plan managers using their services.

As a tax-paying resident of the State for almost 30 years, I SUPPORT this effort to EFFICIENTLY and EFFECTIVELY collect and process tax revenues for the State.

For over 20 years, my husband and I have hosted (free of charge) international guests through International Hospitality. We have made wonderful friends. We have not been paid, although we have housed, fed, looked after and showed these folks around. If people are willing to pay for this service, I think they should be allowed to do so and hosts would be willing to give the State its fair share. Let's make that easy to do by letting the platforms process the tax payments.

Our son has left for college and we now have a nice room available to share with folks visiting Hawaii. We do not want to rent it out long-term, as it remains our son's room when he returns for summer, winter and other breaks. It would be very helpful to us if we were allowed to charge for the short-term rental of his room and apply the income toward his college education.

In conclusion, we could really use the extra income; the State needs revenue; as an industry, this measure will ensure we all pay our fair share.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Loke (Susan) Simon

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To: Hawaii State Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology – and –
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I write in Strong Opposition to HB1471 HD3.

The proliferation of unlawful short-term vacation rentals is having a devastatingly negative effect on my north shore O'ahu community - known as Kaunalā (Velzyland) - removing much-needed units from the residential rental market for local families, exacerbating the rise in housing costs, and ruining the quality of life in neighborhoods across the islands inundated by the tourists and other commercial activities these illegal rentals attract.

We need strong language in this bill that explicitly protects the counties' ability to enact effective enforcement measures. In order for that to happen, language in the preamble of the bill stating "This Act is not intended to preempt or otherwise limit the authority of the counties to adopt, monitor, and enforce local land use regulations, nor is this Act intended to transfer the authority to monitor and enforce such regulations away from the counties" needs to be reflected in the actual language the bill would add to the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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Thank you.

Joe Wilson
58-125 Iwia Place
Haleiwa, HI 96712

To Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
Committee: Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

SUPPORT for HB 1471

March 20, 2017 at 1:15 pm

Testimony of Kathleen Dinman
(808)780-6325

To Chairperson:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ETT Testimony

From: Nicole Schubert <nicole.j.schubert@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:41 PM
To: ETT Testimony
Subject: Testimony for HB 1471

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From: Paola Rodelas Groves <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:51 PM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: Paola Rodelas Groves paolarodelas@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

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My husband and I are renters who live on Menehune Ln. in Kapahulu in Senator Les Ihara's district. Right across the street from us is an Airbnb listing for the entire place, a 2 bedroom home, going for \$149/night. A few blocks away, there is another 2 bedroom home going for \$129/night, and its host has 8 other listings. This isn't just a Waikiki problem or a Kailua problem. This is happening in my own neighborhood. It's happening all over the state.

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Kapahulu resident

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ETT Testimony

From: Edwina Takaesu (Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Home Owner in Waialae Kahala Area
<wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:57 PM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Edwina Takaesu (Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Home Owner in Waialae Kahala Area
roxannel@hawaii.rr.com
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This is simple math.....Yes, there are tax dollars to be made, BUT the visitor to Hawaii would still travel to Hawaii but would have to stay in "Legitimate accommodations, such as existing hotels, that are accountable to pay Hawaii state taxes. The result being, part-time Hawaii residents and investment only home owners could not register their residences to internet travel lodging 3rd party sales representatives. Maybe this would create much needed housing to actual residents of Hawaii. You can either FIX this PROBLEM or continue to be PART of the PROBLEM in allowing this to continue and grow to an even bigger problem!

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:03 PM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Randy Ching makikirandy@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Jillian Hughes hughes3@hawaii.edu
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From: Jowenna Ellazar <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
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To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Jowenna Ellazar e.jowenna@gmail.com
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From: April Bautista <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:20 PM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
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From: April Bautista bautista.aprilk@icloud.com
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From: Lilibeth Herrell <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 6:20 AM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: Lilibeth Herrell lherrell25@gmail.com
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From: Kristin Hamada <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 6:22 AM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Kristin Hamada kristinmiehamada@gmail.com
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Mahalo for your time and consideration,
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From: Joyce griffin <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 7:30 AM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: John Moore <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 8:12 AM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: John Moore johnamoore55@gmail.com
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My neighbors and I have repeatedly lobbied our City Council to prevent illegal vacation rentals from overwhelming our neighborhood in Kailua. At one time there were over 6 illegal rentals on our street. The lack of enforcement was so pronounced that landowners were unconcerned that they would be caught or fined and the amount of money being charged was way in excess of what a local family would pay for a long term rental. When the City and County hired additional inspectors and they visited the landowners and issued citations, over half of them stopped the illegal rentals. There are now local families with children living in the former vacation rentals. If landowners can shield illegal activity behind a company which collects taxes then the State of Hawaii is complicit in that illegality and any legislators who voted in favor should be ashamed.

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ETT Testimony

From: Shane Mageo <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
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To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Shane Mageo shane_mageo@yahoo.com
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To: ETT Testimony; PSMTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Linda Oppe lindajokai@gmail.com
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Message Body:

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From: Jowenna ejowenna_jj77@yahoo.com
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From: Susan Milton smilton@5.unitehere.org
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: Bruce Milton sbmilton@aol.com
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To: ETT Testimony
Cc: kandis@mcengineer.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1471 on Mar 20, 2017 13:15PM

HB1471

Submitted on: 3/17/2017

Testimony for ETT/PSM on Mar 20, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kandis McNulty	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Illegal vacation rentals are destroying our communities! There are very few places to rent. Please vote NO! Air BNB is only interested in profit.

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Ashley Gandiza agandiza@yahoo.com
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ETT Testimony

From: Kandis McNulty <kandis@mcengineer.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 8:43 AM
To: ETT Testimony
Subject: HB1471 HD3

To Whom It May Concern,

Illegal vacation rentals are destroying our communities! There are very few places to rent. Please vote NO on HB1471 HD3! We are renting long term to a couple from the Mainland, who have turned our home into an Air BNB motel and are having a difficult time trying to get them to stop. We have had to hire a lawyer. Air BNB is only interested in profit.

Thank you,
Kandis McNulty
808-637-2460
808-637-2358

ETT Testimony

From: Deanna Espinas <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 8:53 AM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: Deanna Espinas espihawaii@juno.com
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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Zena Nasau zena.nasau@yahoo.com
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From: Kassie Zott kassiezott@outlook.com
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Someday, I would like to be able to move out of the renting situation I'm in and purchase my own home. It is getting harder and harder for someone with a middle class income to save enough for down payment while paying so much of my income in rent. Increasing prices in the housing market hurt us all.

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ETT Testimony

From: SharLyn Foo <info@backpackershawaii.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 11:39 AM
To: ETT Testimony
Subject: HB1471

Aloha , I strongly oppose this measure. State should not allow illegal activity and or ignore county ordinances. I would hope our state and county would work better together for your constituents. SharLyn Foo

ETT Testimony

From: Marites Uy <wordpress@aikeahawaii.org>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 12:20 PM
To: ETT Testimony; PSMTestimony
Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: Marites Uy muy@5.unitehere.org
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From: Johnette Lafo kahealaf@yahoo.com
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From: Akani Gilman bri061911@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

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Luke Sarvis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony OPPOSING HB1471 HD3

From: Nathan Yuen 808nateyuen@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony OPPOSING HB1471 HD3

Message Body:
Testimony in Opposition to HB1471, Relating to Taxation

I strongly oppose HB1471 HD3. Thousands of our homeless citizens are unable to afford to have a roof over their heads, while we allow about 33,000 homes to be used as vacation rentals in the state. The bill is fundamentally flawed and cannot be allowed to pass unless it includes the following amendments:

- 1) Each of counties must be able to enact regulate the activity in ways that make sense for that county.
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It is important that the State of Hawaii enact policies that create and/or protect the number of affordable rentals in our communities.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Nathan Yuen
91-233 Hanapouli Cir #29T
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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To: ETT Testimony; PSMTestimony
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From: Javier Mendez mendezj@hawaii.edu
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From: Morgan Evans mevens@5.unitehere.org
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

From: John Finau jfinau@live.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

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From: Kawehi Kina kawehikina93@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

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From: Jasmine Marbou marbouj97822@gmail.com
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Message Body:

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Marsha Bruhn marshab@hawaii.rr.com
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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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From: Tasha Kama kahukama@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

Dear Chairs Wakai and Nishihara and Committee Members:

I strongly oppose HB1471 HD3, Airbnb's bad bill. We are in the middle of an affordable housing crisis, yet there are an estimated 33,000 homes being used as vacation rentals in the state. The high demand for housing adds to the high cost. Local people do not earn livable wages therefore cannot afford the \$ 400,000.00-\$ 600,000,00 homes that are supposedly "affordable"

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This new federal administration has already shown the world it cares not for its own people. Please show your aloha for your constituents by voting in opposition to this bill.

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ETT Testimony

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From: Stan Franco stanfranco@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony to OPPOSE HB1471 HD3

Message Body:

Dear Chairs Wakai and Nishihara and Committee Members:

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Thank you doing the right thing to protect the people of Hawaii as we struggle to find places for our families to live..

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From: Makerita Valoaga paleluia@yahoo.com
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From: Lucille Flood lucyflood2@gmail.com
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From: Amina napuaamina@yahoo.com
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The current revision, HB1471 HD3 allows for people not registered with the state (for tax purposes) to legally hide behind airbnb's tax number. This is lost revenue for the state. Also, keep in mind that tourism is the state's main economic engine. For every so many homes rented out, hotel employees stay at home, which adds to our unemployment situation. Please stop this bill unless MAJOR revisions are made.

Mahalo,

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HB1471

Submitted on: 3/19/2017

Testimony for ETT/PSM on Mar 22, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neil Frazer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs and Committee Members, I strongly oppose HB1471 because it does not protect residential zoning. Mahalo for your unselfish service to the people of Hawaii.

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February 27, 2017

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI

Dear Senators Wakai and Nishihara and members of the Committees:

Subject: HB 1471 HD 3 proposed SD 1 (relating to taxation – transient vacation rentals)

I encourage your support of this bill, which would allow brokers of vacation rentals to collect and pay to the state the transient accommodations tax (TAT) owed by the owners of transient vacation rental (TVR) properties. The state is currently missing out on millions of dollars of TAT and general excise tax (GET) revenue owed by owners of TVRs.

There is absolutely no question that the proliferation of TVRs has taken housing inventory away from long term tenants. As a nearly 50-year owner of a home on Ke Nui Road at Sunset Beach, I can attest that many of the beachfront houses in my neighborhood that were occupied by their owners or by long-term tenants even ten years ago are now year-round vacation rentals. The Foodland Super Market at Pupukea seems to have as many visitors shopping for food as residents.

I question whether TAT brokers should be required to determine whether the TVRs they are representing are properly licensed by the counties. As it is, TVR owners are able to obtain a TAT registration from the State Department of Taxation without proof that their TVR is licensed as such by the county. The TAT is a tax on revenue, whether or not that revenue is “legal.” The state’s responsibility is to get all of the revenue that is due, not to enforce county land use regulations.

The counties are responsible for enforcing their land use regulations. The counties are free to (and should) classify TVRs as hotels for real property tax purpose, thereby greatly increasing their property tax revenue. The counties could (and should) use such increased property tax revenue to pay the cost of enforcing land use regulations regarding TVRs and, more importantly, to alleviate the housing shortage and the homeless problem that the TVRs have exacerbated.

The state could use the additional TAT and GET revenue from vacation rentals to develop and subsidize housing for the homeless and near-homeless whose problems have been compounded by the diversion of permanent residences to vacation rentals.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Cc: Sen. Glenn Wakai; Sen. Clarence Nishihara
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HB1471

Submitted on: 3/19/2017

Testimony for ETT/PSM on Mar 22, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael McNulty	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Housing in neighborhoods for is residents. We have hired a lawyer to evict a couple that has turned our son's house into a motel. They have legal counsel from Airbnb. We are being crushed by a money making giant. Stand up for our homes not money.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pauline Mac Neil	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HB 1471, HD3 is a bad bill and should be killed. If Al Capone had had access to a bill like HB 1471, he would have had little to fear from the law. Departments of taxation generally care more about collecting taxes than how taxable income is acquired. HB 1471 gives illegal vacation rental operators the security of identity concealment by allowing them to hide behind an agent who only asks if they are complying with the law but has no obligation to verify it. Identity concealment is institutionalized through wording that restricts other agencies and the public from obtaining information on vacation rental operators, even those who are registered. While Al Capone would have loved a bill like this, locals who bought homes in residential neighborhoods instead of resort districts, or who are looking for a place to rent, do not. The social costs of reductions in the supply of rental housing, outweigh the marginal increase in taxes collected by reallocating housing to vacation rentals. The dollar value of those social costs has been demonstrated beyond a doubt by the success of "housing first" programs across the country. How would you feel if you had to raise YOUR children in a van? Please kill this bill. Mahalo for the work you do on our behalf. Pauline Mac Neil Kailua, HI 96734

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Steadfast support for this bill to begin the process to regulate an industry that has taken advantage of the slow regulatory process and inept industry self-regulation that has fostered a crisis in affordable rentals and housing in Hawai'i. By collecting taxes owed to the State, the vacation rental/B&B industry can finally be held accountable for their fair share in paying taxes. However, I'd caution that without further enforcement and compliance, the industry could continue to abuse the current system. Regardless of the outcome of this bill.

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HB1471

Submitted on: 3/19/2017

Testimony for ETT/PSM on Mar 22, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dennis boyd miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Regarding HB1471 Committee ETT/PSM Room 414 Mar 22, 2017 2:45 pm Dennis B Miller Waikiki Aloha! Please oppose this bill. AirBnB has been flooding Facebook with false advertisements based on 'studies' commissioned by AirBnB. Their 'studies' state that by decreasing the amount of long term residence homes available, that they will not increase the cost of living in Hawaii. This is clearly false. Why does anyone who sells anything need a tax collectors license? If they are selling a legal, licensed service, then, the person making the sale should have a business license, a permit to operate a vacation rental, and file their own GE tax. There is a simple way to shut down or enforce compliance with laws and regulations pertaining to Vacation rentals. Require that the vacation rental license be published in all advertisements. Without a permit, they can't advertise. If they do anyway, then, send them a letter informing them of how to comply, and what the fines are for non compliance. If they do repeat the offense, then begin assessing fines. This is a low cost way of shutting down vacation rentals in areas where the state/county doesn't want to permit them. I suggest making the TAT on vacation rentals 20%. This will offset their effect on the hotels, and it will improve the public image of the vacation rental industry. For the sake of increasing long term housing options in Hawaii, and for other nuisance issues related to un-permitted vacation rentals, please oppose this bill. Thank you, Dennis B Miller

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Lois Crozer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's time the City regulate owner operated B&B's. I do not support this bill because there should be regulation before you use the taxes of these unregulated businesses.

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HB1471 HD3 Relating to Taxation

Testimony before the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism and
Technology and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

March 22, 2017 at 2:45 pm

Conference Room 414

Honorable Chairs Wakai and Nishihara and Members of the Committee,

I am opposed to **H.B. 1471** as written as it will impact our community safety. The largest concentration of Transient Vacation Rentals operating outside of the Visitor Destination Area, (VDA) on Kauai is on the North Shore, not only in residential zoned lands, but in the tsunami evacuation zone. The Hanalei District is home to 7 one-lane bridges along the coast to get to the Wainiha/ Haena area, is well known for being a high hazard area and yet we have the highest concentration of transient vacation rentals. This has created serious negative impacts from the unprecedented expansion of the VDA in contravention of Kauai's zoning laws. As the legal operating transient vacation rentals on Kauai have needed to show they do pay GET and TAT to get permits, the only units that will benefit from this are the illegal and unpermitted ones.

The North Shore faces vital issues

- Emergency evacuation
- TVRs exponentially increased the non-resident population in tsunami inundation zones
- Lack of residential housing for NS families
- Health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors are impacted
- Too many illegal , unpermitted transient rentals

Please oppose this bill as currently drafted as the liability is too large to have more visitor units in the tsunami evacuation zone, our community is one where tsunamis have devastated families and homes here in Wainiha and Haena in the past, realistically, it is the wrong place for a resort.

At a minimum, please change section " i " Requiring the operator or plan manager to attest that the subject property is in compliance with applicable land use laws to a requirement that the property manager ,

Transmit all information on the operator or plan manager, including the individual person responsible and not a corporate entity, their contact information and the tax map key of the property to all relevant state and county land use regulatory agencies seven (7) days before posting the advertisement.

The agent shall remove the advertisement of an operator and plan manager within seven (7) days from notification by a relevant state or county land use regulatory agency that a property is not in compliance with pertinent land use laws, or shall be subject to the same penalties as if the agent is the operator or plan manager.

Mahalo,
Caren Diamond

I am a resident of Hawaii and I rent a 2 bedroom condo in Kapolei. My condo rents for \$2600.00 with an average electric bill of \$250.00 – \$400.00 per month for a total of \$2850.00 – \$3000.00 per month housing expense.

I rent out one of the bedrooms for \$75.00 per night to help subsidize my housing cost and book approx an average of 8 -12 nights per month, depending on the season.

Even if I was to book the room for the entire month it still would not cover the cost of my rental unit's expense.

The cost to rent is far above the ability of low income people to afford and thereby is not taking away from the availability of low income housing in the state.

I struggle to afford the cost of rent and Air BnB helps me to survive in the high cost of living Hawaii has, it has provided me an alternative to having to work two or more jobs thereby providing a better quality of living.

All of my guests have been great and the Air BnB platform provides for a safe and friendly guest experience, much like Uber and Lyft does.

With the ability to rate guest and host, you have a safer visitor experience and repeat guest who recommend you to other Air Bnb members.

Not all visitors to Hawaii want to spend their time in corporate hotels and would rather spend time with real Hawaii families to experience the real Hawaii, which the Air BNB platform provides perfectly.

I hope that the state and C&C of Honolulu allow the continuing operation of Air BnB so I may continue to host guest and provide a true experience of Hawaii to global visitors who prefer the personal experience of staying in a home versus staying in a hotel.

Sincerely,
Van Cummings

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Testimony in Support of HD 1471 SD 1 Relating to Taxation Transient Accommodations

Aloha Chair Wakai and Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:

Mahalo for reviewing HB1471 and revising it with SD1. This version of the bill goes further than previous versions in protecting communities against the illegal proliferation of transient accommodations in our neighborhoods and ensuring a level playing field with hotels and those operators who comply with the laws of the City and County of Honolulu regarding transient accommodations.

A quick example of how out of hand this can get – a friend of mine rented the house his son had been living in to a couple from the Mainland (we live on the North Shore) and suddenly they noticed that there were a lot of cars, a lot of different cars every week. They figured out pretty quickly that this couple were on Airbnb and were illegally renting a room. My friend is now in the process of evicting the couple, who, I understand, are getting legal advice from Airbnb.

One other suggested change is to add some enforcement mechanism for the counties to help them ensure that only legal transient accommodations are participating with online platforms. If there is a way the Tax Dept could share information with the counties to so they can check compliance with all county laws or require the online platforms to provide the counties with their participants - addresses and names, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this important issue.

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HB1471

Submitted on: 3/21/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James E. Raymond	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Re: HB 1471 SD1 IF THE LEGISLATURE IS BENT ON PASSING SOMETHING, MAKE SURE THAT IT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SAFEGUARDS IN CLEARLY-WORDED LOOPHOLE-FREE LANGUAGE: Each property listed on the 'agent's platform SHALL have an exclusive TAT# for that property. The 'agent' SHALL provide the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) the street address and the corresponding TAT # of all properties listed on their platform, prior to listing. The 'agent' SHALL obtain and provide DOTAX written proof from the appropriate county authorities that all properties listed on their platform are in conformance with county zoning and land-use laws. The 'agent' SHALL immediately remove a listing from its platform upon written notification and proof from the property owner that the lease or rental agreement does not allow subletting or short-term rentals. The 'agent' SHALL confirm in writing to DOTAX that all properties listed on their platform over the previous month were in conformance with county zoning or land-use laws on a monthly basis, under strict penalty of loss of 'agent' status and fines administered by DOTAX. The Director of DOTAX SHALL terminate the 'agent' status of any 'agent' frequently in violation of their 'agent' status. DOTAX SHALL retain all records required herein and collected from 'agent's for a period of two years. Thank you, James Raymond Kailua

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Larry Bartley	Save O'ahu's Neighborhoods	Comments Only	No

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Michael Morelli	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Boyd Ready	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear legislators: As longtime Haleiwa resident, active in community organizations, and an observer of the changes in property uses over the last 30 years --- you must craft this law with no loopholes and such as to aid zoning enforcement. If not you will be party to the further 'resort'-ification of our rural areas ... a process already so far along that soon 'Resort' zoning will be the only logical solution for large swathes of our formerly 'country' parts of Oahu. Yes, collect taxes, but do it in such a way that scofflaws at zoning codes cannot easily wiggle out of their responsibilities. Respectfully, Boyd Ready Haleiwa This wording is recommended that you include: "Each property listed on the 'agent's platform SHALL have an exclusive TAT# for that property. The 'agent' SHALL provide the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) the street address and the corresponding TAT # of all properties listed on their platform, prior to listing. The 'agent' SHALL obtain and provide DOTAX written proof from the appropriate county authorities that all properties listed on their platform are in conformance with county zoning and land-use laws. The 'agent' SHALL immediately remove a listing from its platform upon written notification and proof from the property owner that the lease or rental agreement does not allow subletting or short-term rentals. The 'agent' SHALL confirm in writing to DOTAX that all properties listed on their platform over the previous month were in conformance with county zoning or land-use laws on a monthly basis, under strict penalty of loss of 'agent' status and fines administered by DOTAX. The Director of DOTAX SHALL terminate the 'agent' status of any 'agent' frequently in violation of their 'agent' status. DOTAX SHALL retain all records required herein and collected from 'agent's for a period of two years."

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HB1471

Submitted on: 3/21/2017

Testimony for ETT/PSM on Mar 22, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neil Frazer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill needs to include the following statements: 1. Each property listed on the 'agent's platform SHALL have an exclusive TAT# for that property. 2. The 'agent' SHALL provide the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) the street address and the corresponding TAT # of all properties listed on their platform, prior to listing. 3. The 'agent' SHALL obtain and provide DOTAX written proof from the appropriate county authorities that all properties listed on their platform are in conformance with county zoning and land-use laws. 4. The 'agent' SHALL immediately remove a listing from its platform upon written notification and proof from the property owner that the lease or rental agreement does not allow subletting or short-term rentals. 5. The 'agent' SHALL confirm in writing to DOTAX that all properties listed on their platform over the previous month were in conformance with county zoning or land-use laws on a monthly basis, under strict penalty of loss of 'agent' status and fines administered by DOTAX. 6. The Director of DOTAX SHALL terminate the 'agent' status of any 'agent' frequently in violation of their 'agent' status. 7. DOTAX SHALL retain all records required herein and collected from 'agent's for a period of two years.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Prentiss	Kailua Neighborhood Board	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chair Glenn Wakai and Vice-Chair Brian T. Taniguchi of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology & Chair Clarence K. Nishihara of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs We support the efforts your committees have made to ensure all short-term rental listings with a transient accommodation broker are in compliance with applicable County and State land-use laws. We praise your committee for including in HB1471 SD1 the following language; (j) All registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agents shall inquire and ensure that the transient accommodation is in compliance with all pertinent state and county land use laws, including but not limited to: (1) Prior to placing an advertisement, including an online advertisement, on the availability of a property for lease or rent on behalf of an operator or plan manager, notifying the operator or plan manager that the subject property is required to be in compliance with applicable state and county land use laws prior to retaining the services of the transient accommodations broker; (2) Requiring the operator or plan manager to display or make available its transient accommodation tax registration identification number and transient accommodations number, along with other required information in any advertisement, in compliance with section 237D-4; and (3) Requiring the operator or plan manager to provide verification of compliance with county land use laws in the form of a written certification, verification, or permit issued by the appropriate county agency. A transient accommodations broker shall remove any advertisement, including an online advertisement, for a transient accommodation located in the State for which the operator or plan manager fails to comply with paragraph (2) or (3) or for which the transient accommodations broker has received written notice from a state or local governmental authority that the operator or plan manager has failed to comply with applicable land use, zoning, or tax requirements. We believe the bill should be amended to include the following or similar language; The operator or plan manager of a subject property will be fined \$1000 per day if their advertisement is listed by a transient tax broker and they are not in compliance with all pertinent state and county land-use laws as required in section (j). A short-term rental applicant for a TAT license must include the physical address of the short-term rental they are applying for in the application and this information will be made public.

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Lisa Cates	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Illegal vacation rentals are ruining our communities. This bill will only create a "legal" way for illegal operators to continue to rent out their homes as extra income. Sites like VRBO and AirBnB are creating problems globally and this legislature needs to do something to protect the people that actually live here. Tourists have the option to stay in resort areas and hotels. Locals do not. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo.

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8 direct sellers. The legislature finds that similarly allowing a
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10 on behalf of ~~providers of transient accommodations~~operators of
11 short-term rental lodging that utilize the services of the
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19 ~~plan managers~~ on whose behalf they collect taxes.

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6 that are occurring in the transient accommodations business.

7 This Act is not intended to preempt or otherwise limit the
8 authority of the counties to adopt, monitor, and enforce local
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10 authority to monitor and enforce such regulations away from the
11 counties.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§237- Transient accommodations broker as tax collection
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20 the director or by submitting a transient accommodations broker
21 tax collection agent registration statement to the director.
22 Any tax collection agreement entered into pursuant to this
23 section shall be subject to and in accordance with all
24 applicable provisions of state and local law and shall not

1 permit a transient accommodations broker tax collection agent,
2 nor any short-term rental lodging operator conducting business
3 through the transient accommodations broker tax collection
4 agent, to opt out of any requirements or obligations under state
5 or local law.

6 The director may deny an application for registration as a
7 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent under this
8 section for any cause authorized by law, including but not
9 limited to any violation of this chapter or rules adopted
10 pursuant thereto, violation of any prior tax collection
11 agreement, or failure to meet minimum criteria that may be set
12 forth by the department in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91.

13 The director shall issue a certificate of registration or
14 letter of denial within thirty days after a transient
15 accommodations broker submits to the director a completed and
16 signed transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
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19 accommodations broker tax collection agent in whose name it is
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21 shall not be transferable.

22 A registered transient accommodations broker tax collection
23 agent shall be issued separate certificates of registration
24 under this chapter with respect to taxes payable on behalf of

1 its ~~short-term rental lodging operators and plan managers~~ in its
2 capacity as a registered transient accommodations broker tax
3 collection agent and, if applicable, with respect to any taxes
4 payable under this chapter for its own business activities. A
5 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
6 shall file periodic returns in accordance with section ~~237D-~~
7 ~~6237-30~~ and annual returns in accordance with section ~~237D-7237-~~
8 33. The reporting information shall include but not be limited
9 to the name, address, and ~~transient accommodations~~ general excise
10 tax number of each ~~short-term rental lodging operator and plan~~
11 ~~manager~~ during the applicable period.

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12 (b) In addition to its own responsibilities under this
13 chapter, a registered transient accommodations broker tax
14 collection agent shall report, collect, and pay over the taxes
15 due under this chapter on behalf of all of its ~~short-term rental~~
16 ~~lodging operators and plan managers~~ from the date of
17 registration until the registration is canceled as provided in
18 subsection (hf); provided that the registered transient
19 accommodations broker tax collection agent's obligation to
20 report, collect, and pay taxes on behalf of all of its ~~short-~~
21 ~~term rental lodging operators and plan managers~~ shall apply
22 solely to transient accommodations in the State arranged or
23 booked directly through the registered transient accommodations
24 broker tax collection agent.

1 (c) The registered transient accommodations broker tax
2 collection agent's short-term rental lodging operators and plan-
3 managers shall obtain licensure under this chapter and, from the
4 date of the broker's registration until the registration is
5 canceled as provided in subsection (f), shall remain subject to
6 the requirements of title 14; provided that the registered
7 except for the tax remittance and reporting obligations assumed
8 by the transient accommodations broker tax collection agent may-
9 comply with all requirements of title 14 on behalf of the
10 operators and plan managers pursuant to this section for business
11 activity conducted directly through the agent, from the date of
12 registration until the registration is canceled as provided in
13 subsection (h). For purposes of any other business activity,
14 the operators and plan managers are and shall remain subject to-
15 all requirements of title 14 and all county, city, and town laws
16 or ordinances, and rules and regulations thereunder, regulating
17 short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or bed and breakfast
18 lodging within their jurisdictions as if this section did not
19 exist. For purposes of any other business activity, the short-
20 term rental lodging operators are subject to all requirements of
21 title 14 and all county, city, and town laws or ordinances, and
22 rules and regulations thereunder, regulating short-term rentals,
23 vacation rentals, or bed and breakfast lodging within their
24 jurisdictions as if this section did not exist.

1 ~~(d) Under this section, a registered transient~~
2 ~~accommodations broker tax collection agent shall assume all~~
3 ~~obligations, rights, and responsibilities imposed by this~~
4 ~~chapter upon its operators and plan managers with respect to~~
5 ~~their business activities conducted directly through the~~
6 ~~registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent~~
7 ~~from the date of registration until the registration is canceled~~
8 ~~as provided in subsection (h).~~

9 ~~(e)~~ (d) A transient accommodations broker tax
10 collection agent shall be personally liable for the taxes
11 imposed by this chapter that are due and collected on behalf of
12 ~~short-term rental lodging operators and plan managers~~, if taxes
13 are collected, but not reported or paid, together with penalties
14 and interest as provided by law.

15 ~~(fe)~~ All returns and other information provided by a
16 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent,
17 including the application for registration as a transient
18 accommodations broker tax collection agent or any tax collection
19 agreement, shall be confidential and disclosure thereof shall be
20 prohibited as provided in section 237-34-; ~~provided that all~~
21 ~~returns and the names and addresses provided by a registered~~
22 ~~transient accommodations broker tax collection agent shall be~~
23 ~~disclosed to duly authorized county tax and permitting and~~
24 ~~planning officials.~~

1 ~~(g) A registered transient accommodations broker tax~~
2 ~~collection agent may be required to disclose to the director the~~
3 ~~names or addresses of any of its operators and plan managers in~~
4 ~~connection with any return, reconciliation, payment, or other~~
5 ~~filing by the registered transient accommodations broker tax~~
6 ~~collection agent under this chapter; provided that such~~
7 ~~information shall remain confidential and disclosure thereof~~
8 ~~shall be prohibited as provided in section 237-34.~~

9 ~~(h)~~ (f) The registration provided for under this
10 section shall be effective until canceled in writing.

11 A registered transient accommodations broker tax collection
12 agent may cancel its registration under this section by
13 delivering written notice of cancellation to the director and
14 each of its operators ~~and plan managers~~ furnishing transient
15 accommodations in the State not later than ninety days prior to
16 the effective date of cancellation.

17 The director may cancel a transient accommodations broker
18 tax collection agent's registration under this section for any
19 cause, including but not limited to any violation of this
20 chapter or rules adopted pursuant thereto, or for violation of
21 any applicable tax collection agreement, by delivering written
22 notice of cancellation to the transient accommodations broker
23 tax collection agent not later than ninety days prior to the
24 effective date of cancellation.

1 (ig) For the purposes of this section:

2 "Director" means the director of taxation.

3 "Operator" has the same meaning as in section 237D-1.

4 ~~"Plan manager" "Short-term rental lodging",~~ has the same
5 meaning as in section 237D-1.

6 "Transient accommodations broker" has the same meaning as in
7 section 237D-1.

8 (jh) All registered transient accommodations broker tax
9 collection agents ~~shall inquire and ensure that the transient~~
10 ~~accommodation is in compliance with all pertinent state and~~
11 ~~county land use laws, including but not limited, prior to:~~
12 ~~Prior to placing~~ publishing an advertisement, including an
13 online advertisement, on the availability of a property for
14 lease or rent on behalf of ~~ana short-term rental lodging~~
15 ~~operator or plan manager, notifying:~~

16 (1) Shall notify the short-term rental lodging operator ~~or~~
17 ~~plan manager~~ that the subject property is required to
18 be in compliance with applicable state and county land
19 use laws prior to retaining the services of the
20 transient accommodations broker;

21 (2) Requiring Shall require the short-term rental lodging
22 operator ~~or plan manager to display or make available~~
23 ~~its transient accommodation tax registration~~
24 ~~identification number and to provide the transient~~

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1 accommodations broker with the short-term rental
2 lodging operator's transient accommodations number,
3 along with other and local contact information
4 required under section 237D-4, and include such
5 information in anythe advertisement, in compliance
6 with section 237D-4; and

7 (3) Requiring the Shall require the short-term rental
8 lodging operator or plan manager to provide the
9 transient accommodations broker with verification of
10 compliance with county land use laws in the form of a
11 written certification, verification, or permit issued
12 by the appropriate county agency.

13 A transient accommodations broker shall remove any advertisement
14 published through the transient accommodations broker, including
15 an online advertisement, for a transient accommodation located
16 in the State for which the short-term rental lodging operator or
17 plan manager fails to comply with paragraph (2) or (3) or for
18 which the transient accommodations broker has received written
19 notice from a state or local governmental authority that the
20 short-term rental lodging operator or plan manager has failed to
21 comply with applicable land use, zoning, or tax requirements."

22 SECTION 3. Chapter 237D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
23 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
24 and to read as follows:

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2 collection agent. (a) The director may permit a transient
3 accommodations broker to register as a tax collection agent on
4 behalf of all of its ~~short-term rental lodging operators and~~
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6 the director or by submitting a transient accommodations broker
7 tax collection agent registration statement to the director.
8 Any tax collection agreement entered into pursuant to this
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10 applicable provisions of state and local law and shall not
11 permit a transient accommodations broker tax collection agent,
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13 through the transient accommodations broker tax collection
14 agent, to opt out of any requirements or obligations under state
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13 collection agent and, if applicable, with respect to any taxes
14 payable under this chapter for its own business activities. A
15 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
16 shall file periodic returns in accordance with section 237D-6
17 and annual returns in accordance with section 237D-7. The
18 reporting information shall include but not be limited to the
19 name, address, and transient accommodations tax number of each
20 ~~short-term rental lodging operator and plan manager~~ during the
21 applicable period.

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2 comply with applicable land use, zoning, or tax requirements."

3 ~~SECTION 4.~~ SECTION 4. Section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, is amended by adding two new definitions to be
5 appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

6 "Dwelling unit" shall have the same meaning as in section
7 521.8

8 "Short-term rental lodging" means the accessory or
9 secondary use of a residential dwelling unit or portion thereof
10 by an operator to provide room or space to lodgers for less than
11 one hundred eighty consecutive days for each letting. All short-
12 term rental lodgings constitute transient accommodations."

13 SECTION 5. By January 1, 2018, the director of taxation
14 shall make available to transient accommodations brokers a form
15 of application for registration as a transient accommodations
16 broker tax collection agent under the new section of chapter
17 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, added by section 2 of this Act,
18 and under the new section of chapter 237D, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, added by section 3 of this Act.

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21 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
22 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
23 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the

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1 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
2 of this Act are severable.

3 SECTION 67. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 78. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
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17 accommodations broker to register as a tax collection agent on
18 behalf of all of its short-term rental lodging operators by
19 entering into a tax collection agreement with the director or by
20 submitting a transient accommodations broker tax collection
21 agent registration statement to the director. Any tax
22 collection agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall
23 be subject to and in accordance with all applicable provisions
24 of state and local law and shall not permit a transient

1 accommodations broker tax collection agent, nor any short-term
2 rental lodging operator conducting business through the
3 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent, to opt out
4 of any requirements or obligations under state or local law.

5 The director may deny an application for registration as a
6 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent under this
7 section for any cause authorized by law, including but not
8 limited to any violation of this chapter or rules adopted
9 pursuant thereto, violation of any prior tax collection
10 agreement, or failure to meet minimum criteria that may be set
11 forth by the department in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91.

12 The director shall issue a certificate of registration or
13 letter of denial within thirty days after a transient
14 accommodations broker submits to the director a completed and
15 signed transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
16 registration statement, in a form prescribed by the department.

17 The registration shall be valid only for the transient
18 accommodations broker tax collection agent in whose name it is
19 issued, and for the website or platform designated therein, and
20 shall not be transferable.

21 A registered transient accommodations broker tax collection
22 agent shall be issued separate certificates of registration
23 under this chapter with respect to taxes payable on behalf of
24 its short-term rental lodging operators in its capacity as a

1 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
2 and, if applicable, with respect to any taxes payable under this
3 chapter for its own business activities. A registered transient
4 accommodations broker tax collection agent shall file periodic
5 returns in accordance with section 237-30 and annual returns in
6 accordance with section 237-33. The reporting information shall
7 include but not be limited to the name, address, and general
8 excise tax number of each short-term rental lodging operator
9 during the applicable period.

10 (b) In addition to its own responsibilities under this
11 chapter, a registered transient accommodations broker tax
12 collection agent shall report, collect, and pay over the taxes
13 due under this chapter on behalf of all of its short-term rental
14 lodging operators from the date of registration until the
15 registration is canceled as provided in subsection (f); provided
16 that the registered transient accommodations broker tax
17 collection agent's obligation to report, collect, and pay taxes
18 on behalf of all of its short-term rental lodging operators
19 shall apply solely to transient accommodations in the State
20 arranged or booked directly through the registered transient
21 accommodations broker tax collection agent.

22 (c) The registered transient accommodations broker tax
23 collection agent's short-term rental lodging operators shall
24 obtain licensure under this chapter and, from the date of the

1 broker's registration until the registration is canceled as
2 provided in subsection (f), shall remain subject to the
3 requirements of title 14 except for the tax remittance and
4 reporting obligations assumed by the transient accommodations
5 broker tax collection agent pursuant to this section for
6 business activity conducted directly through the agent, and
7 shall remain subject to all county, city, and town laws or
8 ordinances, and rules and regulations thereunder, regulating
9 short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or bed and breakfast
10 lodging within their jurisdictions. For purposes of any other
11 business activity, the short-term rental lodging operators are
12 subject to all requirements of title 14 and all county, city,
13 and town laws or ordinances, and rules and regulations
14 thereunder, regulating short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or
15 bed and breakfast lodging within their jurisdictions as if this
16 section did not exist.

17 (d) A transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
18 shall be personally liable for the taxes imposed by this chapter
19 that are due and collected on behalf of short-term rental
20 lodging operators, if taxes are collected, but not reported or
21 paid, together with penalties and interest as provided by law.

22 (e) All returns and other information provided by a
23 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent,
24 including the application for registration as a transient

1 accommodations broker tax collection agent or any tax collection
2 agreement, shall be confidential and disclosure thereof shall be
3 prohibited as provided in section 237-34; provided that all
4 returns and the names and addresses provided by a registered
5 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent shall be
6 disclosed to duly authorized county tax and permitting and
7 planning officials.

8 (f) The registration provided for under this section shall
9 be effective until canceled in writing.

10 A registered transient accommodations broker tax collection
11 agent may cancel its registration under this section by
12 delivering written notice of cancellation to the director and
13 each of its operators furnishing transient accommodations in the
14 State not later than ninety days prior to the effective date of
15 cancellation.

16 The director may cancel a transient accommodations broker
17 tax collection agent's registration under this section for any
18 cause, including but not limited to any violation of this
19 chapter or rules adopted pursuant thereto, or for violation of
20 any applicable tax collection agreement, by delivering written
21 notice of cancellation to the transient accommodations broker
22 tax collection agent not later than ninety days prior to the
23 effective date of cancellation.

24 (g) For the purposes of this section:

1 "Director" means the director of taxation.

2 "Operator" has the same meaning as in section 237D-1.

3 "Short-term rental lodging" has the same meaning as in
4 section 237D-1.

5 "Transient accommodations broker" has the same meaning as
6 in section 237D-1.

7 (h) All registered transient accommodations broker tax
8 collection agents, prior to publishing an advertisement,
9 including an online advertisement, on the availability of a
10 property for lease or rent on behalf of a short-term rental
11 lodging operator:

12 (1) Shall notify the short-term rental lodging operator
13 that the subject property is required to be in
14 compliance with applicable state and county land use
15 laws prior to retaining the services of the transient
16 accommodations broker;

17 (2) Shall require the short-term rental lodging operator
18 to provide the transient accommodations broker with
19 the short-term rental lodging operator's transient
20 accommodations number and local contact information
21 required under section 237D-4, and include such
22 information in the advertisement, in compliance with
23 section 237D-4; and

1 (3) Shall require the short-term rental lodging operator
2 to provide the transient accommodations broker with
3 verification of compliance with county land use laws
4 in the form of a written certification, verification,
5 or permit issued by the appropriate county agency.

6 A transient accommodations broker shall remove any advertisement
7 published through the transient accommodations broker, including
8 an online advertisement, for a transient accommodation located
9 in the State for which the short-term rental lodging operator
10 fails to comply with paragraph (2) or (3) or for which the
11 transient accommodations broker has received written notice from
12 a state or local governmental authority that the short-term
13 rental lodging operator has failed to comply with applicable
14 land use, zoning, or tax requirements."

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 237D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

18 "§237D- Transient accommodations broker as tax
19 collection agent. (a) The director may permit a transient
20 accommodations broker to register as a tax collection agent on
21 behalf of all of its short-term rental lodging operators by
22 entering into a tax collection agreement with the director or by
23 submitting a transient accommodations broker tax collection
24 agent registration statement to the director. Any tax

1 collection agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall
2 be subject to and in accordance with all applicable provisions
3 of state and local law and shall not permit a transient
4 accommodations broker tax collection agent, nor any short-term
5 rental lodging operator conducting business through the
6 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent, to opt out
7 of any requirements or obligations under state or local law.

8 The director may deny an application for registration as a
9 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent under this
10 section for any cause authorized by law, including but not
11 limited to any violation of this chapter or rules adopted
12 pursuant thereto, violation of any prior tax collection
13 agreement, or failure to meet minimum criteria that may be set
14 forth by the department in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91.

15 The director shall issue a certificate of registration or
16 letter of denial within thirty days after a transient
17 accommodations broker submits to the director a completed and
18 signed transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
19 registration statement, in a form prescribed by the department.

20 The registration shall be valid only for the transient
21 accommodations broker tax collection agent in whose name it is
22 issued, and for the website or platform designated therein, and
23 shall not be transferable.

1 A registered transient accommodations broker tax collection
2 agent shall be issued separate certificates of registration
3 under this chapter with respect to taxes payable on behalf of
4 its short-term rental lodging operators in its capacity as a
5 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
6 and, if applicable, with respect to any taxes payable under this
7 chapter for its own business activities. A registered transient
8 accommodations broker tax collection agent shall file periodic
9 returns in accordance with section 237D-6 and annual returns in
10 accordance with section 237D-7. The reporting information shall
11 include but not be limited to the name, address, and transient
12 accommodations tax number of each short-term rental lodging
13 operator during the applicable period.

14 (b) In addition to its own responsibilities under this
15 chapter, a registered transient accommodations broker tax
16 collection agent shall report, collect, and pay over the taxes
17 due under this chapter on behalf of all of its short-term rental
18 lodging operators from the date of registration until the
19 registration is canceled as provided in subsection (f); provided
20 that the registered transient accommodations broker tax
21 collection agent's obligation to report, collect, and pay taxes
22 on behalf of all of its short-term rental lodging operators
23 shall apply solely to transient accommodations in the State

1 arranged or booked directly through the registered transient
2 accommodations broker tax collection agent.

3 (c) The registered transient accommodations broker tax
4 collection agent's short-term rental lodging operators shall
5 obtain registration under this chapter and, from the date of the
6 broker's registration until the registration is canceled as
7 provided in subsection (f), shall remain subject to the
8 requirements of title 14 except for the tax remittance and
9 reporting obligations assumed by the transient accommodations
10 broker tax collection agent pursuant to this section for
11 business activity conducted directly through the agent, and
12 shall remain subject to all county, city, and town laws or
13 ordinances, and rules and regulations thereunder, regulating
14 short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or bed and breakfast
15 lodging within their jurisdictions. For purposes of any other
16 business activity, the short-term rental lodging operators are
17 subject to all requirements of title 14 and all county, city,
18 and town laws or ordinances, and rules and regulations
19 thereunder, regulating short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or
20 bed and breakfast lodging within their jurisdictions as if this
21 section did not exist.

22 (d) A transient accommodations broker tax collection agent
23 shall be personally liable for the taxes imposed by this chapter
24 that are due and collected on behalf of short-term rental

1 lodging operators, if taxes are collected, but not reported or
2 paid, together with penalties and interest as provided by law.

3 (e) All returns and other information provided by a
4 registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agent,
5 including the application for registration as a transient
6 accommodations broker tax collection agent or any tax collection
7 agreement, shall be confidential and disclosure thereof shall be
8 prohibited as provided in section 237D-13; provided that all
9 returns and the names and addresses provided by a registered
10 transient accommodations broker tax collection agent shall be
11 disclosed to duly authorized county tax and permitting and
12 planning officials.

13 (f) The registration provided for under this section shall
14 be effective until canceled in writing.

15 A registered transient accommodations broker tax collection
16 agent may cancel its registration under this section by
17 delivering written notice of cancellation to the director and
18 each of its short-term rental lodging operators furnishing
19 transient accommodations in the State not later than ninety days
20 prior to the effective date of cancellation.

21 The director may cancel a transient accommodations broker
22 tax collection agent's registration under this section for any
23 cause, including but not limited to any violation of this
24 chapter or rules adopted pursuant thereto, or for violation of

1 any applicable tax collection agreement, by delivering written
2 notice of cancellation to the transient accommodations broker
3 tax collection agent not later than ninety days prior to the
4 effective date of cancellation.

5 (g) All registered transient accommodations broker tax
6 collection agents, prior to publishing an advertisement,
7 including an online advertisement, on the availability of a
8 property for lease or rent on behalf of a short-term rental
9 lodging operator:

10 (1) Shall notify the short-term rental lodging operator
11 that the subject property is required to be in
12 compliance with applicable state and county land use
13 laws prior to retaining the services of the transient
14 accommodations broker;

15 (2) Shall require the short-term rental lodging operator
16 to provide the transient accommodations broker with
17 the short-term rental lodging operator's transient
18 accommodations number and local contact information
19 required under section 237D-4, and include such
20 information in the advertisement, in compliance with
21 section 237D-4; and

22 (3) Shall require the short-term rental lodging operator
23 to provide the transient accommodations broker with
24 verification of compliance with county land use laws

1 in the form of a written certification, verification,
2 or permit issued by the appropriate county agency.

3 A transient accommodations broker shall remove any advertisement
4 published through the transient accommodations broker, including
5 an online advertisement, for a transient accommodation located
6 in the State for which the short-term rental lodging operator
7 fails to comply with paragraph (2) or (3) or for which the
8 transient accommodations broker has received written notice from
9 a state or local governmental authority that the short-term
10 rental lodging operator has failed to comply with applicable
11 land use, zoning, or tax requirements."

12 SECTION 4. Section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
14 inserted and to read as follows:

15 "Dwelling unit" shall have the same meaning as in section
16 521.8

17 "Short-term rental lodging" means the accessory or
18 secondary use of a residential dwelling unit or portion thereof
19 by an operator to provide room or space to lodgers for less than
20 one hundred eighty consecutive days for each letting. All short-
21 term rental lodgings constitute transient accommodations."

22 SECTION 5. By January 1, 2018, the director of taxation
23 shall make available to transient accommodations brokers a form
24 of application for registration as a transient accommodations

1 broker tax collection agent under the new section of chapter
2 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, added by section 2 of this Act,
3 and under the new section of chapter 237D, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, added by section 3 of this Act.

5 SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act, or the
6 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
7 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
8 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
9 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
10 of this Act are severable.

11 SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
13 and shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31,
14 2017.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

1. General/throughout: Limited HB 1471 to secondary or accessory use of dwelling units, aka alternative lodging. This change was incorporated to clarify this bill's application to accessory use of dwelling units, and not to hotels and other traditional transient accommodations.
2. Section 2, subsection (a) to Section 237-__ (GET) and Section 3, subsection (a) to Section 237D-__ (TAT): Clarified that separate tax agreements must be subject to all applicable laws and cannot serve as a vehicle for opting out of legal requirements. Also fixed references in Section 2 (GET) to periodic and annual return statute sections. These should have been to chapter 237 (GET), not chapter 237D (TAT).
3. Section 2, subsections (c) and (d) to Section 237-__ (GET) and Section 3, subsections (c) and (d) to Section 237D-__ (TAT): These sections were deleted and revised. They were deleted to avoid a potential interpretation which would lead to State preemption of county ordinances and regulations. The revisions clarify that (a) the obligations assumed by broker tax collection agents are limited to tax collection, remittance, and reporting, and (b) operators must still register and comply with other obligations including county land use ordinances and regulations.
4. Section 2, subsection (f) to Section 237-__ (GET) and Section 3, subsection (f) to Section 237D-__ (TAT): These subsections (f) are now respective subsection (e)s in the clean version. Added requirement that names and addresses be disclosed to duly authorized county tax and permitting and planning officials. This data transparency is needed for enforcement.
5. Section 2, subsection (g) to Section 237-__ (GET) and Section 3, subsection (g) to Section 237D-__ (TAT): Deleted this provision allowing the director to require disclosure of operator names and addresses. Operator names and addresses are already required to be reported under the respective subsection (a)s, making the respective subsection (g)s unnecessary and confusing.
6. Section 2, subsection (i) to Section 237-__ (GET): This is now subsection (g) in the clean version. Took out "plan manager" definition, which is not needed because scope is limited to short-term rental lodging in the revisions. Added "short-term rental lodging" definition.
7. Section 2, subsection (j) to Section 237-__ (GET) and Section 3, subsection (i) to Section 237D-__ (TAT): Now subsection (h) in Section 2 and subsection (g) in Section 3 in the clean version. As drafted in proposed SD 1, this provision would have difficulty passing muster under the Communications Decency Act and would require brokers/tax collection agents to enforce county laws. The revisions were made for greater defensibility under the Communications Decency Act, based on broker/tax collection agent's material contributions to illegal/unpermitted rentals, and to make compliance with land use laws the operator's rather than broker's responsibility.
8. Section 4: Added to define "short-term rental lodging," which was necessary to limit scope of HB 1471 to alternative lodging.

To Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
Committee: Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

SUPPORT for HB 1471

March 20, 2017 at 1:15 pm

Testimony of Kathleen Dinman
(808)780-6325

To Chairperson:

My name is Kathleen Dinman. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1471. Please consider allowing short term rental accommodations.

I have been a widow for over 6 years and have two children. The only way I can pay for college tuition at UH and keep paying for repairs and maintenance on my home in Kailua is to share my home with visitors for additional income.

I contribute to the community by using the services of pool cleaner, house cleaner, and airport shuttle. I encourage my guests to dine at nearby restaurants and shop for locally grown produce.

I live on the same property and make sure the visitors do not bother my neighbors, I provide a parking stall on my property, and I supervise the noise level.

Most of these visitors said they would not travel to Hawaii if they had to stay in a hotel in Waikiki. Either they have experienced that part of Hawaii on a previous trip or they prefer to be outside a major city.

How can you legalize marijuana and not legalize short term rentals? I support the idea of taxing the income on short term rentals and using part of that to help homeless families. Thank you for consideration short term rentals.

Aloha,
Kathleen Dinman
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Prentiss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In testimony before FIN committee on February 28, 2107 AirBnB testified that they would have paid \$26 million to the State if they collected taxes for vacation rentals. I am no math major, but based upon GET +TAT taxes of 10.5% that means the gross receipts they collected were over \$247 million. If they charge 3% to landlords and 12% to the tourist, they would have income of 15% of that or over \$37 million. If they paid GET tax on their earnings at 4.5%, it would be nearly \$1.7 million. I don't see anywhere in discussions where AirBnB is paying this GET tax. If this is the case, should they not agree pay the GET on their gross receipts before we allow them to become further involved in our tax collection system?

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March 21, 2017

HB 1471 SD1 Testimony

Dear Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair (ETT) , Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair (ETT), Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair (PSM) and all Senator committee members;

As a neighbor and Oahu resident who has endured living in a neighborhood with as many as 14 vacation rentals (12 of them illegal), I greatly appreciate the committees effort to strike a balance for this tenacious issue. I specifically support the following critical amendments that will ensure all properties advertised with a Transient Tax broker are in compliance with applicable land use laws:

(j) All registered transient accommodations broker tax collection agents shall inquire and ensure that the transient accommodation is in compliance with all pertinent state and county land use laws, including but not limited to:

(1) Prior to placing an advertisement, including an online advertisement, on the availability of a property for lease or rent on behalf of an operator or plan manager, notifying the operator or plan manager that the subject property is required to be in compliance with applicable state and county land use laws prior to retaining the services of the transient accommodations broker;

(2) Requiring the operator or plan manager to display or make available its transient accommodation tax registration identification number and transient accommodations number, along with other required information in any advertisement, in compliance with section 237D-4; and

(3) Requiring the operator or plan manager to provide verification of compliance with county land use laws in the form of a written certification, verification, or permit issued by the appropriate county agency.

A transient accommodations broker shall remove any advertisement, including an online advertisement, for a transient accommodation located in the State for which the operator or plan manager fails to comply with paragraph (2) or (3) or for which the transient accommodations broker has received written notice from a state or local governmental authority that the operator or plan manager has failed to comply with applicable land use, zoning, or tax requirements."

I believe the bill should be amended to include the following or similar language;

1. The operator or plan manager of a subject property will be fined \$1000 per day if their advertisement is listed by a transient tax broker and they are not in compliance with all pertinent state and county land-use laws as required in section (j).
2. A short-term rental applicant for a TAT license must include the physical address of the short-term rental they are applying for in the application and this information will be made public.

This additional language would greatly assist in enforcement efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Stuart Simmons

Oahu Resident

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Paul Spriggs	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There are too many loopholes in the current version. Once again, the whole idea of allowing the proliferation of short term transient rental on an island of finite space and housing is just baffling. You need to consider the residents ahead of AirBnB and the likes. There is enough information out there to demonstrate the harm AirBnB is doing to residential neighborhood. Hawaii cannot afford to become the next victim.

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