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**SB-2092**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charles Prentiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is strongly needed to enforce existing law.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Spriggs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am adamantly support **SB2092** as written. It's very apparent County officials are being asked to enforce zoning laws without the tools and State laws to support their efforts. Making a false statement to a county inspector a crime within the offense of unsworn falsification will assist county officials tremendously.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan J. Wurtzburg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I rent in Hawaii, and struggle with the decreased rental inventory in this state as a result of limited-term rentals, with online companies, such as Air BnB. Many homes on my street (Kuuala, Kailua) are illegal short-term rentals. I know because they are visible online, different people come out the front door every few days, and different cars are on the road, or in the driveways. Plus, people I have spoken to are visitors. It is well known that when landlords are challenged by state inspectors about their behavior, they lie, and state inspectors are unable to complete their jobs. I would like to see these landlords charged, and I would like to see the state inspectors able to do their jobs. For these reasons, please pass this bill.

I am also aware that legislators will be contacted by landlords claiming that they need to rent illegally because otherwise they cannot pay their mortgages. I have little sympathy for this argument. I have chosen not to buy a house here because I cannot afford to.

I am also aware that Air BnB has lobbyists. I think the rights of people living here should outweigh the rights of a company to operate here and make money out of legal gaps.

Thank you for reading my testimony,

Susan J. Wurtzburg

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Price	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill gives county inspectors some much needed support in their efforts to investigate the flood of illegal vacation rentals inundating the State.

False information wastes their time and obstructs their efforts. The law is necessary because, sadly, honesty seems to have gone out of style where profits from zoning violations are involved.

Thank you for passing this measure.

John Price



**From:** [Al Sieverts](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Vacation rentals and short term ARNB  
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To whom it may concern,

I have reviewed the senate bills 2092 and 2722 which addresses the illegal short term rentals in our communities outside of Waikiki and I m in full support of both bills.

Over the past few years I have seen the housing situation for REAL resident evaporate because of greedy home owners trying to capitilize on the short-term rental of rooms or houses to the expense of those in need of place to live. Our kids are being pushed out and end up moving to the mainland because of this situation. I have four children who have all looked for a place to live in Hawaii Kai in recent years and have not been able to find very much available. It is a sad situation. People coming and going and walking up and down the street with their luggage in tow. What is going on? Basically, in my opinion, it is the influx of vacation rentals I know of someone who has seven rooms for rent in one house. Crazy, this is not what a nice bedroom community is about.

Please consider these two bills and help us restore the balance of long-term rentals in our community.

Sincerely,  
Al Sieverts

**From:** [Linda Wong](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2092 & SB2722  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 11:36:54 PM

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Dear Senators:

The challenge with enforcement for illegal vacation rentals and monster homes is that people know that they can get out of an offense by lying to county inspectors.  
Please pass SB 2092 & SB 2722 to make these offenses a class C Felony.

Aloha Pumehana,  
Linda Wong  
Member Diamond Head, Kapahulu, St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board 5

**From:** [J Otto](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Cameron Sato](#)  
**Subject:** Support for SB2092 and SB2722  
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Aloha Senators,

I've been working in law enforcement for nearly 20 years. In my experience, weak laws have allowed criminals to continue their criminal behavior. Implementing these bills is the most common sense approach to addressing these criminal acts. We need to call it what it is. Don't consider making this only a violation or a citation with a nominal monetary fine because we all know the profits far outweigh the cost of paying fines, especially when they settle with the city or county pennies on the dollar.

I fully support SB2092 and SB2722. Please ensure the definition of "county inspectors" includes fire inspectors. These monster home builders/owners will look for every loophole to dodge our laws. These bills will provide the necessary tools for effective enforcement and deterring criminal intent and behavior.

Any opposition to this bill would ONLY come from people with criminal intention. THINK ABOUT IT!

Sincerely,

John Otto

**From:** [Melissa Maii](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 2092 and SB 2722  
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I support both SB 2092 and SB 2722. Our Aina and our resources are being destroyed by people that don't respect our precious home. They are here to make money for themselves and have no problem lying. Is this how we raise our children? NO. If this keeps up our children will have nothing left an Hawaii will not be Hawai'i.

Sent from Missy's iPhone  
Mahalo, Hawaiian, Missy



**From:** [christine otto zaa](#)  
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**Cc:** [Cameron Sato](#)  
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Aloha Senators,

I wholeheartedly support SB2092 and SB2722. The monster "apartment home" and illegal rentals need to stop and **enforcement is key**. Lying to an inspector should be a CRIME and fines need to be bumped up considerably to deter the illegal activity.

Let's stop being passive and allowing these deceitful, self-serving investors/developers, who only care about making money, from ruining our aloha state. They have no respect for their neighbors, our communities, our culture and our beautiful state. It really is a crime what these people are doing to our residential neighborhoods and to our local families who are getting outbid by these greedy people who have turned our neighborhoods into a business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Christine Otto Zaa

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**From:** [karasu@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:karasu@hawaii.rr.com)  
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**Subject:** SB 2092 and SB 2722 - Lying to Government Inspectors/Civil Servants  
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I support any measure that gives our civil servants the means to enforce the rules they are charged to uphold.

In regards to government inspections, why have them at all if there are no consequences? Whether it is construction that is in violation of city or state rules or businesses in areas not zoned for them or landlords exploiting their tenants, inspectors are on the front line for the rest of the citizenry. One lawbreaker getting away with it encourages others -- when lying to our inspectors, and make no mistake, our good public servants are our people as they represent all of us as the arm of our government, a criminal is lying to all of us. If they get away with it, they will do it again and again until something or someone makes them stop.

We already have seen the effectiveness of the inspection program the Department of Health does with food service so we know that money and reputation is one way to get folks to follow rules.

Support our public servants so they can protect us as they are charged to -- it must be dreadfully demoralizing for them to try to do their jobs and see their efforts ignored or undercut because there are no consequences to blatant falsehood and misbehavior. Hit the bad guys where it hurts the most -- in their bank accounts -- until they have none left to continue bad behavior or change their ways.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sharon K. Ouchi.