

ZHCR-330
(Bill 41)
Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 41
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Passage of this bill would slow and hamper the Hawaii State economy and place a hardship on residence who are already struggling to make ends meet.
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 41
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I own a condo at Makaha Surfside Condominiums. We rent for 30 days or more at a time to guests who come from all over the world (but mostly U &, Canada). We are registered and pay all of our lodging taxes. Because of vacation rental apps, they tell they can afford to stay longer than a week that they would only be able to afford if they had to stay in hotels. These guests pump thousands of dollars into the local community by visiting Makaha and Waianae restaurants, grocery stores, farmers markets, surf and apparel shops and street vendors. I am in not in favor of Bill 41, which would make it impossible for people of average means to enjoy the beauty of Hawaii, as not many visitors can come for 6 months at a time. I am in favor of enforcing existing ordinances of 30-day minimums and all property owners paying their lodging taxes easily online.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony PLase do not consider Bill 41...it is a terrible bill that will put most mom and pop who have a little cottage out ...and most likey have to sell their homes. The renters who come for 30 days bring computers, work here. eat , shop rent cars..They cant come for 6 months..Families cant aford to to stay in our hotels with children.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

This bill is overwhelmingly restrictive to thousands of local residents that finally were able to improve their quality of life through platforms such as AirBnB. This bill is driven by the hotel industry, not by local residents. There are severe regulations already in force to control the use of vacation rentals. Why additional regulations are necessary? Specially when the extension of the bill essentially will ban 30 days minimum vacation rentals across Oahu. Who is benefiting from this? Certainly a much smaller segment of our communities, the hotel owners.

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Aloha World,

I believe that if you want to do business in Hawaii, then you have to work and get along with people. I understand why they want to keep the tourists in Waikiki. I used to be an Airbnb Host, and although the money was good, the dangers are there as well.

I believe that as a host, we should diversify our business portfolio. Putting all your eggs in one basket is never good. So I learned to diversify. I did a little of this and I did a little of that. I even raised Persian kittens and sold them, I even farmed pumpkins, and gourds. But wasn't successful as that either.

I got out of hosting, although I still pursue the Tourism Industry in other ways.

I AM A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER MOVING FORWARD WITH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 300-500 units in the Waimalu area, on 2.7 Acres of Apartment zoned land. AND I NEED YOUR HELP. First they say the sewer infrastructure ain't there, and it will take 10 years to fix. Really??!! I thought we need housing, if so, then fix it. Or I can have my investors fix it, just give us the permits, and incentive rewards for fixing the cities sewer lines. Or answer my emails and telephone calls!!

ALSO TO ALL THE HOSTS THAT HAS BEEN EFFECTED. Yes, I was angry mad too, at my association because when the laws changed, guess what happened? The association came after us too, and treated us like criminals. SO HERE'S THE REVENGE TACTIC FOLKS. List your apartment/house, for double or triple the market value. I say DRIVE THIS REAL ESTATE MARKET TO IT'S BREAKING POINT.

That's how you get em back folks. Simple as that. And it won't cost you attorney fees, or any fees at all. Because listing it with a realtor is FREE. I will put in a recommendation in for a good realtor. Peter Savio or Abe Lee, they are both top real estate brokers/developers. I'm not a realtor, folks, I'm a real estate developer. Or I too, would want your listing.

THAT'S HOW YOU GET REVENGE!!! TRIPLE VALUE, QUADRUPLE VALUE and list your home/condo. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SELL IT. JUST LIST IT!! It doesn't hurt to list it. IT'S FREE. YOU DON'T NEED TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY EITHER.

Also, remember this, that it's the federal government that is pumping money into our economy, and they have doubled the value of your home/condo within the past 2 years as well, perhaps, it's time to find another adventure.

If anyone needs to talk feel free to contact me.

Aloha,

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I purchased a short-term rental at the Ilikai Hotel because it's properly zoned for Short term rentals. I have paid all my short-term rental taxes and played by the rules.

Written Testimony Please do not change the rules.

I hire cleaners, handymen and agents contributing to the Economy.

Please don't shut down all short-term rental because of some people not playing by the rules.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	If passed will put all of us out of business. 30day minimum was hard enough but now 6 months. The hotel industry is just greedy and has e everyone in their pockets. Money talks so no chance for all of us.
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 41
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Hi,

I am a single parent that works very hard. I worked hard to purchase a property by myself. The way it is currently set up is good for me. I have people stay for 30 days or more, then I pay someone to clean it for me. I am able to inspect for thing that need to repair inbetween. I get paid by Airbnb. Then I pay the taxes. The extra income helps me be able to afford to make that way I don't have to work too much to survive in Hawaii.

Written
Testimony

By proceeding with the bill, it hurts city and state on revenue. We pay the Transient Accommodation Tax. That is a lot that is paid. It also hurts the homeowners that are renting part of their houses to make ends meet. Most of the ones rent from me for 30 days, are the ones moving out or in to Hawaii. I also have some that are here for contract work for a month and some that houses are being worked on for a month. Giving those ones an option other than an expensive hotel help them being able to spend money on food and other things that helps the economy..

You guys think you are creating more affordable housing for people, but that won't work because homeowners will try to get the most rent they can to cover for their revenue loss. If not they will sell their house and move to the mainland. That will cause housing prices to go up more and rental market will go up also.

The regular rental market is hard to rent because of bad renters. I have heard too much bad stories about bad renters. So far, I haven't

had a good experience on regular rental. From not paying, to trashing my place causing me to replace everything..

Please Keep it at 30 days. This helps the local homeowners to be able to survive in Hawaii.

Thanks for considering it.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

We have retired here and have owned our townhome for 5+years. We live here full time, and are active in our community. We have family in Hawaii. We also have family on the mainland, 14 grandchildren in total.

For the first 3 years here we rented our home out 8 months of the year through Airbnb to help us pay for it until we could fully retire from our farm in Wisconsin. Two years ago

we were able to move here full time. We now rent our home out 4 months of the year and depend on our income through AirBnB to help us travel back to see our grandchildren twice a year.

We pay a rental agent, a caretaker, and a cleaner, all of whom are happy to have the extra income.

We pay TA and GE taxes.

We have had NO complaints about our renters from neighbors in our complex.

The renters utilize only the parking spots we own.

I do not agree that our renting our home out destroys neighborhoods or drives up the price of homes. I do believe that could be more true for absentee owners.

We have been following the over 30 day rental guidelines. This has worked fine. Please leave it as it is.

Thank you.

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Agenda Item Bill 41
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I urge the Council to please vote against granting a 120-day extension of time for Bill 41 and implement Ordinance 19-18.

Ordinance 19-18 was the product of thousands of man-hours and years of planning with public input, almost the entire City Council was voted in office in part on their approval of the current Ordinance and after all this work the City seems to be giving up on it without even trying to implement the sections that relate to the control of illegal vacation rentals.

TO ELIMINATE ILLEGAL VACATION RENTALS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
Before trying to make any modification to the existing Ordinance 19-18 first try implementing at least the part of the MOU signed by Airbnb and Expedia that relates to the removal of all rentals for less than 30 days that do not post the TAT and Tax Map Key numbers.

Written Testimony Right now there are thousands of listings that are either missing these numbers or the numbers posted place them outside permitted areas or directly post fake numbers that do not belong to the listed property.

Signing these MOUs was a brilliant move, there is no easier way to control illegal rentals, however a year later and 3 months after the self imposed MOU deadline not one illegal short term rental listed in those booking sites has been forcibly removed.

TO CONTROL 30 DAY RENTAL ABUSE.

There are lots of situations that require rentals under 180 days and no list of exceptions will cover every legitimate situation.

The present MOU allows the City to request the removal of any listing lacking TAT/Tax Map Key numbers .

The easiest way to reduce to a minimum people abusing the 30 days minimum rental rule just request Airbnb and Expedia to also remove any listing that is zoned residential and that has a minimum day's search set at under 30 days (listors choose what is the minimum number of

days that they want the search engine to find their property to avoid displaying their listings to potential guests that require a shorter period).

While presently many monthly listings have a minimum rental set at 30 days, those that try to game the system have it typically set for less than 29 days.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT:

In addition to the NUCs, there are between one and two thousand legal TUVs within the Resort Zoned areas and Resort Zoned buildings in Waikiki that have been operating LEGALLY for the last 40 years.

Besides the area Makai of Kuhio that is regarded as the traditional "Resort" zone, buildings like, Aloha Surf (444 Kanikapolei St.), Island Colony (435 Seaside Ave), Royal Aloha (1909 Ala Wai), Royal Garden (440 Olohana St), Palms (1850 Ala Moana) to name a few, are also zoned "Resort" and house hundreds of independent vacation rental owners that have been operating legally for decades, paid the same Real Estate Tax than hotels as well as GE and TAT taxes and this new bill will force them to be controlled by a Hotel operator.

If the hotels have the right to operate within the Resort areas of Waikiki, so do STRs without having to relinquish control over a hotel operator. This bill clearly prevents it and seeks to eliminate the vacation rental industry that Hotels obviously regard as competition.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	41
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I've been hosting on Airbnb for 7 years. The money I make from hosting has gone to mortgage bill, food bill, childcare, and whatever else to keep me going. It is my ONLY source of income. I pay my taxes.
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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Please Councilmembers I respectfully urge you to vote down Bill 41 with it's obvious ethical issues. This flawed bill will not solve the problem of illegal vacation rentals by taxing and burdening Kapuna and Kamaina who own the legal entities. We have been law abiding tax paying members of our communities for many years. Please find ways to work with the original bill 89. Mahalo for your time.

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