

BILL004(22)
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Mar 15, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 17

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Jill Paulin	Email: jillpaulin@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 09:19 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 4 CD2 as TVUs should be taxed differently than Hotels. Many TVUs are used by island residents in transition, traveling nurses, island contractors and inter-island families relocating. TVUs do not have the zoning or related amenities that provide Hotels with 49% of their income.</p> <p>I ask that you consider an amendment to raise the Residential- A tier threshold to \$1.5m. The Big Island has a threshold of \$2m. The current \$1m threshold was established in 2017 and never adjusted for the increase in property values. These properties are primarily long-term rental properties. The increased values, along with the out-dated threshold means higher rents during a time when our residents cannot take one more financial burden. Please consider increasing the threshold to \$1.5m to keep up with higher values.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Jill Paulin Haleiwa, HI</p>		
Name: Faruq Ahmad	Email: fa27sf@gmail.com	Zip: 94127
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 09:48 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Vacations rentals today pay high "hotel tax" rates though they are not hotels, and typically owned by individuals to depend on them for income, rather than by large corporations with massive reach. This tax rate should be lowered, so that it is closer to residential rates.</p>		
Name: Dan Choi	Email: dan.y.choi@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 10:20 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support creating a new category for Transient Vacation Units on Oahu so that TVU properties can be fairly categorized and taxed</p>		
Name: Rustin Smith	Email: rustin@smokeyshawaii.com	Zip: 96830
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 11:55 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support this bill because I believe it will allow TVU properties to be taxed below Hotel/Resort rates</p>		
Name: Norm Nichols	Email: norm@petroglyphs.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 12:08 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>It is obvious that the C&C of Honolulu property tax system is seriously flawed and that is in need of a complete overhaul. Where under the current structure I am supportive of Bill 4 if it protects the kamaaina residents from the influx of outside people wanting to move to Hawaii which is totally disrupting the fair and equable evaluations of property by purchasing property at outrageous prices. Hawaii is too small to be manipulated by an open market valuation which is highly discriminatory to we who are trying to stay in our homes and survive.</p>		

Name: John An	Email: jsan@mac.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 12:11 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am testifying in support of Bill 4. This bill recognizes that for too long, short term rental properties have been unfairly taxed as if they were hotels. Hotels have the ability to run restaurants, gym facilities, and other revenue generating activities that short term rentals are not able to. This bill is a good first step in the right direction of fairly treating short term rental properties.</p> <p>Thank you for your work on this bill.</p>		
Name: Debra Piro	Email: debrapiro@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 12:34 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 4 because it highlights the reality of TVUs being different from Hotels and being more limited in terms of Income potential</p>		
Name: Mo Schreiber	Email: mschreiber718@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 01:03 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 4 it highlights the reality of STR being different from hotels and being more limited in terms of income potential. We also understand what the state & local government entities are doing to help manage STR's, and why they are so important to Oahu & the state, we need to continue to support STR's. We as taxpayers need to have a voice in these decisions in what is happening both at a state and local levels. and in writing this, so our individual rights/voices can be heard too.</p> <p>Mahalo, Mo Schreiber</p>		
Name: G Grand	Email: GRAND@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 01:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please ALLOW the new category for TVU so simple owners are not taxed unfairly just as Hotels. That's UNFAIR, UNJUST AND JUST NOT PONO. Please do not cave in to the Hotel Industry's efforts like this to eliminate TVU's so they can have a full monopoly giving these out of State entities BILLIONS MORE in annual revenues that increases their capitalized value another 10x. We the people need a fair chance: We vote for you so don't turn your backs on us.</p>		
Name: Brett Hulme	Email: bhulme87@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 01:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 4 as it highlights the reality of TVU's being different from hotels and being more limited in terms of income potential.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Brett Hulme</p>		
Name: Mitch Maxwell	Email: mitchatbt@aol.com	Zip: 96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Mar 13, 2023 @ 01:17 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This is a good bill that will give legal TVU owners fair treatment when it comes to taxation. Unfair tax rates will cripple legal TVU owners...and these owners add a lot to the tax base when you consider not only property taxes, but the GET, TAT, and OTAT they pay monthly.</p>		
Name: Levi Brooker	Email: levibrooker@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 02:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support this bill because legal TVUs do not have nearly the same rights or opportunities to profit as hotels, so it just makes sense to tax their income at a much lower rate. 30+ day rentals are not viewed as transient anywhere but HI.</p>		
Name: Edward Jones	Email: honolulu@paradiseip.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 08:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha members of the City Council,</p> <p>This testimony is in SUPPORT of (2022) Bill 4 as TVUs should pay considerably less real property tax than hotels.</p> <p>The following changes are needed to encourage local housing by clarifying (hardwire) B&B Home with these changes:</p> <p>c(5)(A) ... rented less than 30 days.</p> <p>Last paragraph ... C(5) residential or residential A if rented less than 30 days.</p> <p>We cannot depend on the minimum renting time period in the definition in zoning as it is a subject of litigation; HILSTRA v. CITY.</p> <p>Consider the scenario of a room rented in a home for just 30 days. There should be a concern that 10% of a home rented to 10% of a year (1% utilization) should trigger a home to B&B Home classification.</p> <p>The state data shows the average tourist stay is around 10 days. 30 days+ are regular people these Hawai'i residents, military, nurses etc. The cost of the elevated B&B Home classified RPT must be passed on to regular local renters. That would have a negative impact on affordability.</p> <p>This should have no impact on revenue as there are very few (if any) less than 30-day Permitted B&B Homes that would be included in the B&B Home classification.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted on my own behalf,</p> <p>Edward Jones</p>		
Name: MARK HAGADONE	Email: hagadone@techexpts.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 09:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 4 because it clearly highlights and emphasizes the reality of TVU's being distinctly DIFFERENT from Hotels and far more limited in terms of income potential. This is obvious and should be included in any consideration of valuation or taxation.</p>		
Name: Jane Moy	Email: snow2136@netzero.net	Zip: 96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Mar 13, 2023 @ 11:05 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair and Council Members,</p> <p>My family and I strongly support Bill 004(22) that would allow a separate taxation category for transient vacation units(TVU's). TVU's definitely should not be lumped into the Hotel and Resort taxation category because we (transient vacation units) do not have the added income from restaurants, entertainment, conference rooms, retail shops and spas and should not be taxed at the high tax rate as the hotels and resorts with all their amenities. Transient vacation units are more like a bed and breakfast that offer a place to sleep and sometimes a kitchen and a swimming pool. TVU's should be taxed similar to the Bed and Breakfasts near the residential tax rate but definitely at a much lower tax rate than the hotels and resorts category. TVU's are generally owned by individuals trying to earn a little extra income to pay mortgages and living expenses while offering a comfortable place to call home. TVU's are not big corporate hotels and resorts with interests around the state and the world. It is individuals and families trying to earn a fair income with their TVU's and would appreciate a much lower tax category for transient vacation units.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Mahalo, Jane Moy and family</p>		
Name: Ken Kribel	Email: kkribel@icloud.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:10 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 4 because it highlights the reality of TVUs being different from Hotels and being more limited in terms of income potential.</p> <p>Hotels generate up to 60% of their revenue from food and beverage.</p> <p>TVU's make \$0 from food and beverage.</p>		
Name: Michelle Yao	Email: yyao2008@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:39 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support Bill 4 CD2. It is fair and established a two tier system for TVU property tax classification. Thank you.</p>		
Name: SharLyn Foo	Email: bpacker@maui.net	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:32 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha, Once again original NUC holders in residentially zoned are being targeted</p> <p>Oahu has not since 1989and will not give any NUC certificates in residentially zoned areas in the future. The master plan has forbidden them for 20 years in the North shore</p> <p>We were legalized with BB's more than 30 years ago and have paid our dues and deserve more consideration.</p> <p>BB 's have had their own tax class and residential should be taxed the same which would still almost double them ,</p> <p>Do not compare Oahu to other islands who have different rules and given many certificates. Oahu has least of all of them</p> <p>Mahalo SharLyn Foi</p>		