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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Planning Commissioners,

My name is Liz Lees, and I am a full time Big Island resident on Hawai'i Island. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 147.

I appreciate the stated intent of this measure to improve clarity, but I believe this bill is confusing and poorly written and will only serve to create more problems than it solves. Most hosts, myself included, want to comply with reasonable operational standards and regulations but need clear and simple instructions. What happened to the promise of "just registration" and then evaluating the needs of rules and regulations for hosted short term rentals? The county has not even been able to meet it's stated deadline for opening registration.

I disagree strongly with change of definition of 31-179 days to short term rentals. Current lawful rentals, including those operating under 31-179, need to be clearly grandfathered under this bill.

I would also ask that the Council to take a closer look at the structure of fines to ensure they are proportional and tied to the severity of a violation, rather than being overly punitive."

I believe we all share the goal of supporting our community and ensuring policies are fair and effective.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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