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RE: OPPOSITION to BILL 147

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name is Elizabeth Tomaszewski, and I am an owner-operator of a humble, hosted STVR in the Fern Forest for several years.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony IN OPPOSITION to Bill 147.

What started out as a “simple registration” many, many months ago, is falling further into a crevice of confusion and heartache for many of the good hardworking people on this island.

At this point, and given recent “leaders” in the news, I am fully convinced ***we do not have an affordable housing crisis on our island, we have a corruption in leadership crisis on our island.*** It is broad and insidious and until and unless this behind-the-scenes dealmaking and handshaking stops, our housing crisis will continue. To blame the affordable housing crisis on STVR small business owners is an egregious and malicious misconception.

The promise of a simple registration bill has gone awry. ***There is still no registration form ready for STVR owners to register.*** This puts a hitch in my giddy-up that I don’t need. What I do need is to run my business responsibly and this means continually investing in the upkeep and maintenance of a well-run and attractive owner-hosted STVR. It is impossible to do so while the county holds the keys to my future by continuing with the start, stop, and revised legislation of what is now Bill 147.

As you do your best to navigate this bill, please remember these key points:

- The fines are excessive and the code around BnB’s is especially confusing.
- The people have spoken in overwhelming opposition to this bill – and yet the council has refused to listen and put common sense first.
- The data survey proved the economic benefits of continuing STVRs, yet the council proceeds with it’s foolish limitations and restrictions of citizens being allowed to run a business on their property and thus hurting the economy of our county.
- Let’s get everybody registered – and paying their GE and TATs. This should have happened years ago.

Your opposition to Bill 147 is necessary and urgent. Stop this bill in it’s tracks. Advance it straight to the shredder.

Sincerely,

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