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Submitted on: 2/17/2015

Testimony for TSI/CPN/JDL on Feb 17, 2015 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Young	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Our family and a large majority of of our neighbors strongly supports this Bill for the MANY obvious (and not so obvious) reasons! Thank you for taking care of our communities!

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Testimony submitted by Dr. Maureen Malanaphy 2/16/2015

Support 201

I am submitting testimony in support of SB 519 because I believe that it is in the best interests of the state and the community of Hawaii to hold vacation rentals/transient accommodations accountable for its operation. The current state of vacation rentals/transient accommodations is that it is a “free for all” and way out of control as there are no regulations, accountability or rules; therefore, many communities, especially those near a beach, are over-run with vacations to the point that there is lack of affordable rental housing for local residents. I live in a residential community in Hauula and have seen investors buying up homes that would have been available for local families and now cater to visitors. These investors are making a lot of money without any accountability. Do they pay commercial real estate taxes??? Do they claim the vacation rental income as income??? Are they licensed (most are illegal)? With the state of affordable rental housing and increase in homelessness, this bill is essential as a start to hold these investors accountable to pay their fair share of taxes. Without such legislation, the message is clear that the state is catering to visitors over local people and the housing problems will only get worse while a small percentage of our population, the investors, will become more and more affluent. I urge you to pass this bill to initiate regulation of the thousands of illegal vacation rentals that are prevalent in our residential communities.

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Lucky Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the measure and suggest you require the tax key # as well as the address to facilitate coordination with the counties. This was a specific recommendation of the Honolulu Real Property Tax Commission report submitted to City Council November of 2014.

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