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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a desperate  
2 need for affordable housing in Hawaii. Several populations are  
3 negatively impacted by the lack of affordable housing, including  
4 students, renters, the homeless, and formerly incarcerated  
5 individuals. However, developers assert that affordable units  
6 do not get filled, and homeowners are converting rental units  
7 into vacation rentals.

8       The legislature notes that the department of business,  
9 economic development, and tourism currently does not have an  
10 accurate number on how many rentals are being used as vacation  
11 units. In the department's report *Measuring Housing Demand in*  
12 *Hawaii, 2015-2025*, published in March 2015, the department  
13 concluded that "[a]nother important driver of housing demand is  
14 the increase in the number of residential rental units being  
15 used as vacation rentals" and "[t]here is evidence that local  
16 residential housing units are increasingly catering to visitors,  
17 either full or part time."



1 The legislature further finds that an accurate count of the  
2 existing supply and demand of affordable units is critical.  
3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to determine the number  
4 of housing units and rental units that are being marketed as  
5 visitor units.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 201B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

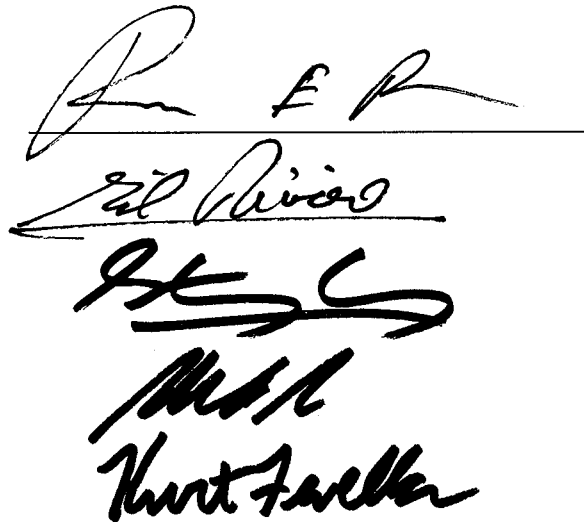
9 "§201B- Vacation rental units list. (a) The authority  
10 shall develop a list of unit addresses that are being marketed  
11 to the visitor industry for occupancy, including housing units  
12 and rental units.

13 (b) The list in subsection (a) shall be made available to  
14 the public on the authority's website by December 31, 2020, and  
15 shall be updated monthly."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

18 INTRODUCED BY:





# S.B. NO. 460

**Report Title:**

Affordable Housing; Vacation Rentals; Visitor Units; Address List; Hawaii Tourism Authority

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop a list of unit addresses, including housing units and rental units marketed to the visitor industry for occupancy and to post the list on its website.

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