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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Kekina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members and Chair,

I am in support of SB2617 SD1.

It has been very difficult to watch my island home get sold to the highest bidder all my entire life. My family, grandparents, were lucky and able to purchase a home a long time ago. They left the home to their siblings, my parent. But an uncle became terminally ill and they had to sell the home. The home does not get to be passed down through the generations. Our parents had blue collar and below jobs and worked their butts off only to not be able to afford to buy their own home. It is pathetic that hardworking families are not able to purchase their own home in a State they were born and raised. There is something fundamentally wrong with the system.

THERE MUST BE A WAY TO CHANGE POLICY TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN HAWAII TO OUTSIDERS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN HAWAII. RESIDENTS FIRST!!!!!!! HEAVILY HEAVILY HEAVILY TAX DOMESTIC SALES to non-residents. THAT would be the ultimate help to the people of Hawaii. It would give us a chance to stay home. Where we belong. Where we want to stay.

I realize this has a lot of holes and still needs a lot of work and detailing, but please pass this bill and get is started. HELP US fix the system that would ultimately help the people of Hawaii, the people who voted for you into office.

All this I humbly ask, with gratitude and aloha,

Leimomi Kekina

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Comments:

I support

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Comments:

I Chanara Richmond support SB 2617