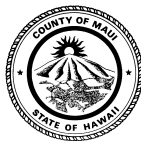


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TO: Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair  
House Committee on Tourism

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2605, RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to allow counties to be eligible to receive \$1 million from the State for the purpose of enforcing all applicable laws and ordinances relating to transient accommodations if the county has satisfactorily complied with specified conditions.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Illegal transient vacation rentals remain a problem for both the counties and the State. It is estimated that thousands of illegal units are operating throughout the State, with over \$100 million in general excise tax and transient accommodations tax going uncollected.
2. Regulation will only be successful if funding assistance is provided by the State to the counties, along with sufficient information on operators being shared with the counties for enforcement purposes.
3. Maui County has already made revisions to the Maui County Code in attempts to enhance enforcement. A request for proposal was also recently issued to explore more sophisticated short-term rental enforcement options. However, only through collaboration will this issue be resolved.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.