

Maui County Council Housing and Land Use Committee (HLU) Committee

August 20, 2025

Re: TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO TEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE GROUP (TIG) ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR TRANSIENT VACATION RENTAL USES IN THE APARTMENT DISTRICTS - COMMENTS

Aloha Chair Kama, Vice Chair Uʻu-Hodgins, and Members of the Housing and Land Use Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide **comments** on behalf of Airbnb relating to the creation of a Temporary Investigative Group (TIG) relating to transient vacation rental uses in the Apartment Districts.

Creating a TIG provides the County with the time and structure needed to carefully research the impacts of phasing out the Minatoya List and transient vacation rentals in apartment districts. Given the complexity of this issue, the TIG process will ensure that decision-making is informed, transparent, and grounded in accurate data.

This approach allows for further education for both policymakers and the community. By taking a deliberate and research-based path, the County can fully evaluate the economic, housing, workforce, and cultural impacts of this policy change. More importantly, it builds public trust by demonstrating that decisions are being made with diligence, balance, and openness to multiple perspectives.

We encourage and support your continued commitment to thorough research and education before final decisions are made.

Mahalo,

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