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C. Young	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I STRONGLY support this Bill. Thank you for addressing this very serious issue that plagues our communities.

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

Support SB 519

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 is not 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.