

# ~~Speaker Registration~~/Testimony

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I write in support of Bill 58 CD1 but it does not go far enough. I am a 26 year old Native Hawaiian female who does not live in Hawaii the main reason being the outrageous cost of accommodation. How is a recent college graduate supposed to get on their feet and start a career when housing projects are focused on the needs of corporations and developers, not local taxpayers and residents.

Written Testimony

Our island is gentrifying and the majority of locals cannot afford what we are calling 'affordable' because we have set our standards way too high. We need to make sure that developers better serve our taxpayers' housing needs, and that what is considered 'affordable' is low enough to actually be affordable to residents.

I'm ashamed to see what's happening in Hawaii in regards to affordable housing. Like me and many others, we're forced to find housing and employment away from the islands where we were born and raised. Stop pushing locals away and start focusing on our needs. Affordable housing policies have worked in other places. Bill 58 CD1 is a start in Hawaii. It should provide compulsory affordable housing requirements for developers and preserve truly affordable housing for generations to come.

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