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To the members of the Honolulu City Council, I'm writing this letter in regards to the issue of lengthening the stay for the guests of Bed and Breakfast facilities. My understanding is that the Council has proposed to lengthen the stay at these facilities to a minimum of a month, as oppose the current policy which is of a shorter period.

On behalf of the Bed and Breakfast organization, my sisters and I ask that the policy not be changed. Our families have been going to these facilities for the last 25 years. We enjoy going to facilities that are near the beaches, areas such as Punaluu, Malekahana, North shore, Maili, and Mokualea. Bed and Breakfast facilities allows for and can accomodate larger groups of more than 20 people. Our family Ohana ranges between 20 - 35 members, there are those who come from Alaska, California, Nevada, and of course here and the neighbor island. We always schedule our vacation period during the summer months, to accommodate families with children that are still attending school.

To ask us to stay for a month at a Bed and Breakfast facility or Hotel would be out of the question, both in time and finances. However, a length of stay for 2 -3 nights is ideal for both parents and children. This time together gives our families the opportunity to visit and renew relationships, in a leisure atmosphere.

My sisters and I, who represent the Uyehara Ohana group, ask that the existing policy not be changed. We thank you for your consideration.

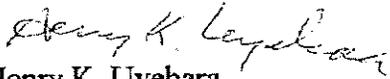
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