

PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 26, 2017

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Arryl Kaneshiro, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee, on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 1:35 p.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Lihue, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Arthur Brun  
Honorable Mason K. Chock (*present at 1:37 p.m.*)  
Honorable Ross Kagawa  
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro  
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Not Present: Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami  
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

“Bill No. 2658 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, ARTICLE 11 AND 11A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX,”

which was ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on June 28, 2017, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on July 5, 2017.

The following communication was received for the record:

1. Hannah-White, Cynthia, dated July 23, 2017

The hearing proceeded as follows:

SCOTT K. SATO, Deputy County Clerk: We have one (1) registered speaker and have one (1) written testimony in support. The first speaker is Cynthia Hannah-White.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Cynthia, just come on up. There is a button. You can sit down.

CYNTHIA HANNAH-WHITE: I am not going to be here that long.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. There is a button right here, to push, and then just state your name for the record. The light is going to go on. It is going to turn green and you have three (3) minutes. It will turn yellow when you have thirty (30) seconds, and red when your time is done. There is another three (3) minutes if you need.

Ms. Hannah-White: Thank you. My name is Cynthia Hannah-White. I am here on behalf of myself and the clients of my law firm, Kaua'i Estate Law, LLC. I submitted written testimony. I am happy to answer any questions that anyone has about my written testimony or to clarify anything if anyone needs clarification.

*(Councilmember Chock was noted as present.)*

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you.

Ms. Hannah-White: I support the Bill for the reasons stated in my written testimony. A lot of people transfer their property into and out of a trust for estate planning purposes. I think that the purpose of the three percent (3%) cap would be best served if these transfers, which are not actually changes of beneficial ownership, are exempted from the transfer requirement.

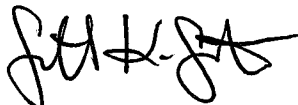
Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Okay. Thank you. We did receive your written testimony, so thank you.

Ms. Hannah-White: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Is there anyone else, Scott? Anyone else in the audience wishing to testify on this? Seeing none, this public hearing is now adjourned.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT K. SATO  
Deputy County Clerk