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Solutions to the TVR issue are starting to form

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We read — with pleasure and relief — in The Maui News (March 9) announcing that a possible solution to the transient vacation rentals (TVR) issue may come at last from the Maui County Council's meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

That the council is listening to many options, as opposed to stiff enforcement of the current legislation, is encouraging. We look forward to a reasonable and fair bill, regulating TVRs and bed-and-breakfasts operating on agricultural and rural zoned lands, to come out of such workshops.

In the meantime, the council has been offered another opportunity to help the situation in the form of a resolution proposed by the 'Ohana Coalition Maui. The OCM has met with elected officials for months now and found agreement with the proposal to suspend shutting down and fining people for such home-based businesses until good legislation is in place. A new bill would take into account conditions from both sides of the issue, as well as the economic impact of the wholesale closing down of such businesses.

Councilman Mike Victorino says he will bring this resolution before the council for approval to serve until the bill is enacted. We are confident that the council will find a way to work with the mayor to the benefit of the entire community, both in the short and long term.

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