

Hilo Hawai'i Realtor® Releases New Book to Help Future Big Island Residents Find Belonging, Not Just Property

Moving to East Hawai'i: The Real Big Island Life Guide is a candid, practical book by Hilo Realtor® Dan Tousignant.

HILO, HI, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dan Tousignant, a Hilo-based Hawai'i Realtor®, has published a new book titled *Moving to East Hawai'i: The Real Big Island Life*

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A thorough and personal view of the Hilo side of the island. I enjoyed the stories as much as the valuable information.”

Sunmi Lee

Guide. Aimed at individuals and couples seeking a more grounded, community-centered life, the book offers practical advice and personal insight for those considering a move to the east side of the Big Island.

Unlike typical relocation guides, *Moving to East Hawai'i* isn't about high-end listings or vacation rentals. It focuses on what it really takes to start fresh — financially, emotionally, and culturally — in a part of Hawai'i that

values relationships over real estate portfolios.

Tousignant and his wife moved from O'ahu to the Big Island with a shared goal: to find a slower, more meaningful life. Over several years, they bought and restored multiple homes — many of which might have otherwise been replaced by large-scale developments — and converted them into long-term, affordable rentals. Their journey is woven throughout the book, offering a firsthand look at the joys and challenges of building a life in East Hawai'i.

“This isn't about flipping houses or selling paradise,” Tousignant says. “It's about belonging. Most of our friends are local families who've been here for generations. We want to welcome people who come with respect, who want to contribute — not just consume.”

A licensed Realtor® with House Plus, LLC, Tousignant specializes in helping like-minded clients relocate to the east side of the island. His background in construction, business, and education allows him to help buyers navigate the unique realities of Hawai'i homeownership — from off-grid systems and zoning laws to local culture and climate.

The book covers everything from choosing a microclimate and understanding STVR laws to

growing food, building community, and working creatively to stay rooted. Written with a blend of honesty, humility, and humor, it's already earning praise as a must-read for anyone serious about making the move.

Moving to East Hawai'i: The Real Big Island Life Guide is available now on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/44gRBQC>

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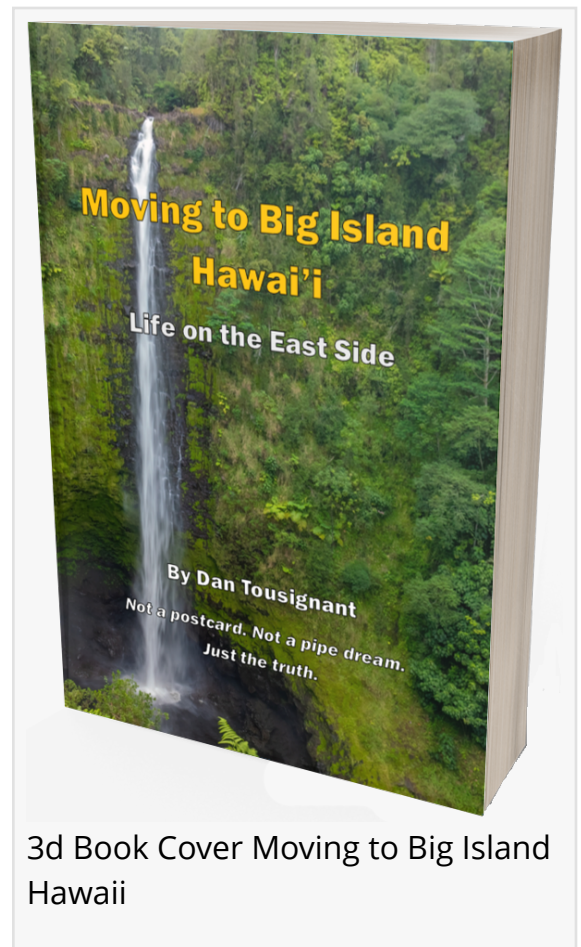
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