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TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Kelly T. King
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 888, HD 1 RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MAUI HEALTH SYSTEM**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to make appropriations to support the operations of the Maui Health System.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Maui Health System manages several key healthcare institutions, including Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital. These institutions are critical to the health and well-being of Maui County residents.
2. The Maui Health System, as part of its transfer agreement with Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and the State of Hawai'i, has received partial operating subsidies since transitioning from government management to a privately managed organization.
3. The Maui Health System has made progress toward its goal of self-sufficiency by June 30, 2025. Enactment of this measure will allow Maui Health System steadily continue its path toward independence.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.