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TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Kelly T. King  
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
HB 201, RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to clarify State, county, and authorized agents' authority to enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species also applies when there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present on that property.

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. Invasive species cause problems throughout the State, creating both economic and environmental risks, especially to native plants and animals.
2. Authorized agents are professionally trained to help eradicate and control invasive species, and it is imperative they are able to access property where there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present.

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

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