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TO: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
House Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Kelly T. King  
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 15, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 1471, SD 1, RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the planning of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui.

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 transit corridor between Wailuku and Kahului presents a unique opportunity for transit-oriented development in Maui County.
2. Kahului is the commercial center of Maui, while Wailuku serves as its civic heart. Implementing transit-oriented development to connect the two areas could provide more housing opportunities to our residents while creating critical access to both Kahului and Wailuku via the Maui Bus and other transportation options.
3. As the County's population grows and visitor counts rise, our roads endure more stress and traffic becomes more congested. A master plan for the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor will help the County mitigate these impacts while supporting development in the area.

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