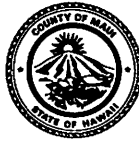


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TO: The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 30, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1769, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to extend to 90 days each county council's deadline to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable-housing project under Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This measure is in the Maui County Council Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

The Maui County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. The proposed 90-day deadline would still provide an expedited review of affordable-housing projects under Chapter 201H while allowing the councils to do their due diligence in evaluating projects.
2. The existing 45-day window is too short to have a meaningful discussion of a project.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council **supports** this measure.

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