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TO: The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 28, 2020; SUPPORT OF SB 2172, RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **support** of this important measure. This measure would clarify the county councils' authority to approve a State District Boundary amendment for a housing project on a land area of 15 acres or less.

This bill is part of the Hawaii State Association of Counties' Legislative Package. Therefore, I offer this testimony on Maui County Council's behalf.

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

1. This measure is consistent with the Council's goal providing expedited review of affordable-housing projects.
2. Preventing delays in a development's approval process creates cost savings, encouraging construction of affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's **support** of this measure.

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