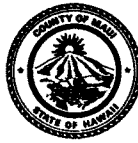


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TO: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 28, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2550, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is allow the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to enter into public-private partnerships with businesses to build affordable housing and reserve a portion of the housing units for the exclusive use of the businesses' employees.

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. This measure would help support the development of much-needed affordable-housing units statewide by encouraging private-sector entities to build affordable housing.
2. This measure would help to ensure that skilled employees stay in the State and do not leave because of the lack of affordable housing.

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

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