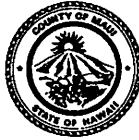


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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee 
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2140, RELATING TO TAXATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to extend the period in which a county may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions, from March 31, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

This measure is part of the Maui County Mayor's Legislative Package, and legislation with a similar purpose is included in the Maui County Council's Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

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

1. This measure would provide support to build and expand multimodal transportation systems and infrastructure for housing in Maui County, which are priorities of the County Council and the Administration.
2. Maui County is the only county in the State that currently is not receiving the benefits of the surcharge on state tax.
3. In anticipation of this measure's enactment, I have introduced a bill for an ordinance to establish a GET surcharge in Maui County. The bill is on the agenda for the Maui County Council meeting of February 7, 2020.

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