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TO: The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair  
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee   
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 2620, RELATING TO LAND USE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to provide solutions to authorize county authorities to amend district boundaries involving land areas up to 30 acres if at least 60 percent of the land is used to develop affordable housing.

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 expedite decision-making in land use cases where the majority of the land is being used to develop affordable housing, thereby expediting the provision of much-needed affordable housing in Maui County.
2. Preventing delays in the approval process for developments results in cost savings, encouraging more development of affordable housing.
3. Land use decision-making involving lands greater than 30 acres, and lands greater than 15 acres that are not primarily for affordable housing, would still remain within the authority of the State Land Use Commission.

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