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TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2620 SD1, RELATING TO LAND USE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize county authorities to amend district boundaries involving land areas up to 25 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. The misapplication of this measure by parceling lands greater than 25 acres would be prohibited, and such lands would remain under the authority of the State Land Use Commission.

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

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