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TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation

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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2686, RELATING TO TAXATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to extend the period that a county may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions, from March 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020. The bill allows a county with a population equal to or less than five hundred thousand that adopts a county surcharge on state tax to use surcharge revenues for disaster relief.

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 directly impact Maui County because it has a population less than five hundred thousand.
2. This measure would generate increased funds for Maui County to better respond to disasters and provide disaster relief.

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