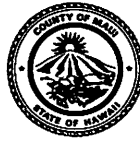


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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee 
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2687, SD 1, RELATING TO TAXATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to increase the rental motor vehicle surcharge tax to \$8 per day in Maui County and Hawaii County. The revenue generated will be used to fund projects that increase highway capacity and relieve traffic congestion.

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. Visitor arrivals and their use rental vehicles continue to rise, with increasingly significant impacts on roadways and roadway congestion.
2. This measure would allow for additional revenues to improve road quality, increase highway capacity, and relieve traffic.

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

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