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TO: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2690, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Office of International and Regional Partnerships, University of Hawaii Maui College for study abroad programs.

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 Act appropriates funds to the Office of International and Regional Partnerships, University of Hawaii Maui College for scholarships to subsidize travel expenses and tuition for study abroad programs.
2. This Act will encourage students to study abroad to gain foreign language skills and cross-cultural competence and develop economic and educational relationships in an increasingly globalized world.

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

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