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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 13, 2020; SUPPORT OF HB 1880, HD1, RELATING TO KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **support** of this important measure. This measure would appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operations of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission and for two full-time equivalent positions to support the Commission.

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 is consistent with the Council's goal of preserving and restoring as much as possible the natural state of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve.
2. The funds appropriated by this measure, as well as the additional staff provided for, will allow the Commission to expand and enhance its restoration efforts.

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

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