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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 JUNE 24, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, HD1, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to create a development district that will provide an integrated experience of housing, education, and commercial facilities

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 help support the development of much-needed housing units in Maui County.
2. This measure would help ensure skilled employees stay in Maui County, providing economic and social benefits to the community, instead of leaving because of a lack of housing options.

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