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TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Lee", written over the printed name "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JUNE 29, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1427, SD1, PROPOSED HD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to provide exemptions and funding to water carriers, particularly to address the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

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. Maintaining a reliable system for water transportation is essential to ensure the County will continue to receive the goods and supplies necessary for daily life, particularly in these uncertain and economically challenging times.
2. The provisions of the bill relating to exemptions, waivers, and changes to ratemaking authority are designed to be temporary in order to promote the public interest during an unprecedented crisis.
3. Funding is to be used specifically to offset costs and maintain operations, including making the same number of port calls in effect as of January 2020, and transporting less than container load shipments to and from the islands of Lanai and Molokai.

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