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TO: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 13, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2166
SD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to promote traffic safety on Hāna Highway by requiring drivers of lead vehicles between mile markers 00 and 34, to use turnouts and allow vehicles to pass under certain circumstances.

This measure is in the Maui County Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

The Maui County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. Unsafe driving conditions may be created on two-lane roadways where the lead vehicle is moving slowly, with a backup of vehicles behind it, and traffic moving in the opposite direction makes it hazardous to pass. This situation is frequently encountered on the road to Hāna, where visibility around turns is inhibited.
2. Requiring the driver of the lead vehicle with five or more vehicles behind it to turn off the roadway will prevent collisions.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council **supports** this measure.