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TO: The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

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

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 12, 2020; SUPPORT OF SB 2616, SD2, RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **support** of this important measure. This measure would exempt affordable housing units, additions to existing dwelling units, accessory dwelling units, ohana dwelling units, and affordable housing projects developed by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from 50 percent of the school impact fee revenues imposed and collected by the Department of Education.

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 providing more opportunities for responsible development of affordable housing projects.
2. As currently structured, school impact fees increase the cost of affected affordable housing development projects, which negatively impacts the affordability of the projects upon completion.

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

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