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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: February 12, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 194, RELATING TO TAXATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to Extends the period in which a county may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions, from 3/31/2019 to 6/30/2022.

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

The Maui County Council **SUPPORTS** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Maui County is the only county in the State without the option to charge a half-percent GET surcharge. Maui County's deadline to establish the surcharge was March 31, 2019.
2. The surcharge would provide the County with an additional means to generate County revenue should there be a need to reduce real property tax rates.

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