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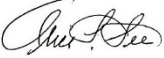


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TO: Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: February 2, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 481, RELATING TO INFORMAL MEETINGS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to exempt members of a county council from the limitation on the number of members that may attend an informational meeting or presentation on matters relating to official county council business for purposes of permitted interactions.

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. The measure would allow councilmembers to be better informed about the issues affecting their constituents.
2. The measure retains the core protections for open meetings.
3. The Council has supported similar legislation in the past.

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

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