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TO: Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: February 2, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 651, RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT
ACCESS ROAD**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to rename Kahului Airport Access Road on Maui as the Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way.

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. Born in Paia, Maui, Elmer Franklin Cravalho served as the first speaker of the state house of representatives following statehood.
2. He maintained his position of speaker of the state house of representatives through 1967 and then served as Maui county's first mayor until July 24, 1979.
3. Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho has a clear connection to Maui's history, and he should be remembered for his civil service by naming a highway in his honor.

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