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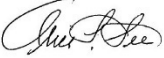


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TO: Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: February 16, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 767, RELATING TO CANNABIS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to legalize the personal use, possession, and sale of cannabis in a specified quantity. The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure; however, the Council adopted on February 5, 2021, Resolution 21-19, entitled "SUPPORTING LEGALIZING, REGULATING, AND TAXING CANNABIS FOR RESPONSIBLE, ADULT USE." Therefore, I am providing this testimony on behalf of the Maui County Council.

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

1. The Council supports legalizing, regulating, and taxing cannabis for responsible, adult use.
2. The Council supports promoting equitable ownership and employment opportunities in a legal cannabis industry to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts disparate enforcement of cannabis prohibition has had on those communities

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

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