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TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

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DATE: April 6, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 1311 HD2 SB1, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is remove the construction completion deadline for the Leialii affordable-housing project, now named Kaiaulu O Kuku`ia, and allow the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to address historic preservation laws when funding is appropriated for each portion of the project.

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 bill would allow development of the Kaiaulu O Kuku`ia, a 28.5 acre project in Lahaina supported by Maui County Council Resolution 20-11.
2. Kaiaulu O Kuku`ia will provide 200 multifamily rental housing units to Maui County families earning up to 60 percent of the area median income. The West Maui community has shown strong support for this project.

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