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TO: Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair
House Committee on Housing

Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

DATE: February 8, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 260, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to reclassify lands 15 to 100 acres in certain rural, urban, and agricultural districts in which at least 50 percent of the housing units on the land sought to be reclassified are set aside for persons and families with incomes at or below 140 percent of the area median income.

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 opens land up for building affordable housing.
2. This measure would help support the development of much-needed housing units in Maui County.
3. This measure would help ensure skilled employees stay in Maui County, providing economic and social benefits to the community, instead of leaving because of a lack of housing options.

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