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

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee", is written over the printed name and title.

DATE: March 3, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 645 SD1, RELATING TO TAXATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to extend the period in which a county may adopt a surcharge on State tax to December 31, 2021, and to authorize the use of county surcharge revenues for affordable- and workforce-housing infrastructure.

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 measure would help support the development of much-needed infrastructure for housing units in Maui County.
2. 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.
3. The County and the State have a mutual interest in supporting infrastructure projects that promote affordable-housing development. County and State officials, in conjunction with the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, have already prioritized a list of projects where funding could be utilized.

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