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TO: Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair  
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 756 SD2, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize each county to adopt ordinances to enforce Section 291-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including the establishment of penalties for failure to comply with its requirements or make reasonable efforts to maintain electric vehicle charging stations in working order.

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 allows counties to better enforce electric vehicle ordinances.
2. This measure encourages the use of electric vehicles and ensures each new electric vehicle charging system installed or placed in service is at least a level 2 charging station that is capable of connecting to the Internet.
3. With the continued growth of electric vehicle adoption by consumers, this measure ensures that there is the necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicle use.
4. The measure also addresses the problem of poor maintenance by requiring reasonable efforts be made to keep electric vehicle charging systems in working order.

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