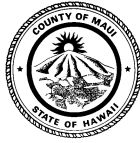


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TO: Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 1632, RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to ensure the safety of residents and visitors of Maui by setting weight limitations for tour operators and rental vehicles and establishing a sustainable funding source to maintain and improve the Hana and Haleakala Highways.

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. As an aging transportation artery for East Maui with many bridges, Hana Highway has become increasingly unsafe to traverse at many locations.
2. Haleakala Highway, the only access to Haleakala Summit, is 37 miles long and is comprised of one lane running in either direction, with no guardrails, little or soft shoulders along steep cliff sides, and frequent switchbacks.
3. The constant use of these highways by tour operators and rental vehicles cause significant damage to the roads and infrastructure.
4. Unsafe conditions on the Hana and Haleakala Highways have manifested in delays in the delivery of life-saving services, extended commutes for residents, accidents, and disputes between residents and visitors.
5. A sustainable funding source is needed to maintain and improve the Hana and Haleakala Highways.

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

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