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TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 19, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 1688, HD1, REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to subject rental vehicles to the same motor vehicle registration fees as other motor vehicles and to authorize the counties to use certain motor vehicle registration fees to mitigate and address the impacts of tourism-related traffic congestion.

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. Raising the current county certificate of registration fee to \$2 for all vehicles would create parity between rental vehicles and all other motor vehicles and allows for a more equitable application of the fee.
2. This measure is a form of tourism management that can help to ensure quality of life for residents, the health of the environment, and the continued value of the visitor experience.
3. The additional revenue from motor vehicle registration fees will help the counties mitigate and address the impacts of tourism-related traffic congestion.

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