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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 6, 2022

SUBJECT: **HB 2167, RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to transfer authority and appropriate funds for certain reviews of projects in conjunction with Section 6E-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to counties.

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 County of Maui recently hired an archeologist to improve management and oversight of historic preservation reviews with the intent to protect environmental resources and our cultural history.
2. Hawaii is the only state that does not require historic preservation reviews at the county or municipal level.
3. This measure appropriates funding for administrative staffing to assist with historic preservation reviews, which is needed to ensure success.

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

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