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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 3, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2246, RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM SURCHARGE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to amend the State Highway Enforcement Program surcharge from \$200 to an unspecified amount.

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. With increased tourism and the parking issues that come with it, the County has experienced unsafe conditions on State highways in culturally and environmentally sensitive areas, such as on the Road to Hana.
2. This measure will provide funding for the Maui Police Department to improve parking enforcement in these sensitive areas, improving safety for all roadway users, enhancing emergency response, and protecting sensitive resources.
3. Increasing the surcharge from \$200 to a higher amount will further deter illegal activity.

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

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