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TO: Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: February 6, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 2049, RELATING TO THE COASTAL ZONE  
MANAGEMENT ACT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of “development” in the Coastal Zone Management Act to exclude construction or reconstruction of certain residence designations, and clarifies related definitions important to the policy.

This measure is part of the Hawaii State Association of Counties’ Legislative Package. Therefore, I offer this testimony on the Maui County Council’s behalf.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Coastal Zone Management Act provides the basis for protecting, restoring, and responsibly developing our diverse coastal communities and resources.
2. It is important that the guidance it provides to stay updated by evolving with new incoming information and updated science that reflects the varying and developing impacts of climate change.
3. This bill would amend the definition of “development” in the Coastal Zone Management to exclude certain construction or reconstruction and update definitions inherently important to clarifying policy guidance.

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