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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 2101, 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 the definition of “floor area” imperative to the purpose of the Act.

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

The Maui County Council **SUPPORTS** 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, the Maui County Council **SUPPORTS** this measure.