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TO: Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senate Committee on Government Relations

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2192, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to extend the timeframe given to county councils to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable housing project submitted for review pursuant to Section 201H-38(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, from 45 days to 60 days.

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 45-day window is insufficient for a county council to fully review a proposed housing project and requested exemptions, evaluate the environmental and financial impacts, and discuss and vote on a project.
2. The extension of the timeframe for a county council to approve of Chapter 201H lower-income housing projects from 45 to 60 days would support the Council's efforts in developing well-vetted and sustainable affordable housing that fully meets the needs of the County.

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