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TO: Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

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

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: February 15, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 2398, RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure creates the Pulehunui Community Development District to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Pulehunui, Maui.

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. This measure would help support the development of much-needed housing units in Maui County.
2. This measure would help ensure skilled employees stay in Maui County, providing economic and social benefits to the community, instead of leaving because of a lack of housing options.
3. Redeveloping, renovating, or improving these public lands to provide suitable recreational, residential, educational, industrial, governmental, and commercial areas where the public can live, congregate, recreate, attend schools, and shop as part of a thoughtfully integrated experience is in the best interest of Maui County.

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