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TO: Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3248, RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. This measure's purpose is to appropriate funds to purchase one advanced life support ambulance to be based on the island of Moloka'i, and related equipment, and pay related personnel costs for State-certified emergency medical services personnel.

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 will give Moloka'i residents and visitors better access to primary health care.
2. An advanced life support ambulance and personnel will help reduce death and disability among residents and visitors to Moloka'i by providing timely response to a 911 call, which is critical to those in need of immediate medical care.
3. This measure furthers the following goal of the Moloka'i Island Community Plan: "Protect life, property, and the environment by providing effective and efficient fire protection and rescue services for the island of Moloka'i."

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