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TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 28, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 2398, SD1, 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.