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TO: Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2615, SD1, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to change the composition of the Board of Agriculture by providing representation from the islands of Molokai and Lanai. 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. Each of the islands of the State has different water resources, and therefore unique agricultural issues.
2. Amending the composition of the Board of Agriculture by providing representation from the islands of Molokai and Lanai better addresses the complex needs of each island's agricultural community.

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

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