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

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

DATE: March 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2622, SD1, RELATING TO BIOFUELS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year pilot project to grow biodiesel crops on the island of Molokai.

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 growth of crops for biodiesel fuels will benefit the County by creating jobs, reducing food and fuel imports, diversifying the County's economy, and helping to reaching the State's mandate of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045.
2. Biodiesel, made from plant-based oils and animal fats, offers a safe and sustainable alternative to petroleum-based fuels.
3. The solution to reducing petroleum dependence and greenhouse gas emissions includes encouraging the use of biodiesel in diesel engines.

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

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