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TO: Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates, Chair
House Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3338, SD2, RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA
MEMORIAL**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the design, plans, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial.

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. By supporting the Kalaupapa Memorial, this measure would allow for family members to reconnect with their ancestors and their stories and bring a crucial segment of Hawaii's past to light.
2. The design, plans, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial envision stone walls making two interlocking circles. This design is representative of bringing the people of Kalaupapa and their families back together.
3. The Kalaupapa Memorial will list the names of the nearly 8,000 people who were taken from their families and sent to Kalaupapa, appropriately bringing them honor and recognition.

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