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TO: Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: April 2, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3219, HD1, RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to amend the Sunshine Law to exclude any person under 18 from the mandatory disclosure of the names of persons who are physically with a board member attending a remote board meeting at a nonpublic location.

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. Children's privacy rights prevail over the public's right to know.
2. This measure will protect the privacy and identity of minors who are with a board member during a meeting.
3. This measure continues to provide transparency in remote meetings under the Sunshine Law, but without compromising the confidentiality of minors.

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

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