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TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: April 1, 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. This measure supports a worthy capital improvement project that will enhance the legacy of residents from all islands who were sent to Kalaupapa.
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.

I am also in support Standing Committee Report No. 1381-22, sent to your Committee by the House Committee on Culture, Arts, and International Affairs, respectfully requesting that your Committee consider a \$5 million appropriation for the Kalaupapa Memorial, which I understand is the budgeted amount for its construction.

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