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TO: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 19, 2026; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1738, HD2, RELATING TO LAND USE DECISION-MAKING**

I support this measure to authorize counties to amend district boundaries involving land areas of greater than 15 but no more than 25 acres for certain types of housing projects.

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. Allowing counties to amend district boundaries for certain housing projects would streamline the process.
2. Streamlining the process for these residential, agricultural workforce, long-term rental, housing projects and workforce fee simple ownership projects will likely result in faster processing times and decreased housing costs.
3. Removing the need for Land Use Commission review of these boundary amendments will relieve some of the burden on that agency, likely resulting in faster processing times and reduced expenses for other projects as well.

Thank you for your consideration.