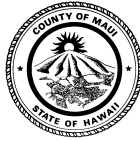


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TO: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 7, 2026; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3219, HD2, RELATING TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 12 AND 13, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION**

I **support** this measure to propose amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to empower the counties to issue housing infrastructure growth bonds and exclude those bonds from county debt limit calculations.

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. Empowering counties to issue housing infrastructure growth bonds would enable them to pledge a portion of future growth in property tax revenues within designated districts to fund infrastructure without introducing new taxes, increasing tax rates, or jeopardizing bonding capacity for other essential services.
2. The proposed constitutional amendment would promote housing development in the State by providing counties with an optional financing tool to advance housing infrastructure and community development.
3. It would strengthen county fiscal flexibility while safeguarding economic health, respect home rule authority, and support State and county efforts to responsibly increase the housing supply.

Thank you for your consideration.