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TO: The Honorable Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair,
and Members of the House Committee on Education

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Chair, Maui County Council

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1256, HD 1, RELATING TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. This measure would establish and appropriate money for a pilot program to provide for the planning, design, and construction of on-campus housing for employees at Maui's Lahainaluna and Kulanihako'i high schools.

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 would address Maui County's lack of attainable housing, which is a limiting factor to attracting and retaining quality, specialized school teachers, staff, and administrators.
2. Lahainaluna and Kulanihako'i high school campuses have existing infrastructure and are located near high-traffic roads, which makes them ideal locations for the pilot project proposed by this measure.
3. Using existing infrastructure and State property to provide on-campus housing for school employees would reduce costs, construction time, and traffic congestion.
4. This measure furthers the following objective of the Maui County General Plan (at page 52 of the Countywide Policy Plan):
"Encourage the State to attract and retain school administrators and educators of the highest quality."

For those reasons, I **support** this measure.

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