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February 13, 2023

TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair, and

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee

Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

HB 315, HD1, RELATING TO FLOODING

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to provide money to counties for flood-risk mitigation on privately owned roads.

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. Money from the grant-in-aid would support the maintenance and upkeep of private roads that are frequently used by first responders for emergencies and school buses that transport students.
- 2. Recent storms and heavy floods to Maui County have caused roads to flood, further resulting in economic damages to residences and businesses.
- 3. It is in the public's interest to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists by improving these roads.

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

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