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TO: The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 30, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 118, SD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The measure's purpose is to allow counties to designate by ordinance certain sections of county highways as areas where vehicle may be prohibited or restricted from stopping, standing, or parking.

This measure is in the Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package approved by the Maui County Council; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

The County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. In Maui County, there are sections of county roads where visitors stop, pull over, or park on narrow, winding roads, creating hazardous conditions for themselves, other drivers, pedestrians, and emergency services.
2. Clarifying that counties may enact ordinances designating certain sections of county highways as areas where vehicles may be prohibited or restricted from stopping, standing, or parking will help counties to address this problem, leading to increased parking management and enforcement.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council **supports** this measure.