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TO: The Honorable Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 23, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR148/HR150, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PURSUE ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL CLAIMS AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE OWNER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR OF THE YACHT "NAKOA"**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important resolution. This resolution's purpose is to urge the Attorney General's office to take legal action in response to the *Nakoa* running aground at Honolua Bay on February 20, 2023.

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. The February 20, 2023 incident has raised questions about possible violations of environmental laws and administrative rules in connection with operation of the *Nakoa* and, more broadly, about the legality of business practices engaged in by the yacht's owner and operator.
2. Access to Honolua Bay and protection of the greater Honolua-Mokulēia Bay Marine Life Conservation District are State and County priorities.

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

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