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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
SB 1153, SD1, RELATING TO HONOLUA BAY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The measure's purpose is to establish the Honolua Bay Special Fund and Honolua Bay Advisory Board for conservation of Lipoa Point.

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 is consistent with the West Maui Community Plan's Policy 3.4.2. "Development at Lipoa Point must respect the area's cultural and scenic resources and historic significance, and uses must be limited to open space and low-intensity recreation."
2. The Maui County Council has long supported the preservation of Honolua area, Lipoa Point, and adjacent shoreline areas in perpetuity. This measure would expand on Act 241 (2013), which was supported by Councilmembers and established the State's commitment to preserve the area.
3. Honolua Bay is part of the Marine Life Conservation District in Honolua-Mokuleia. Therefore, it is imperative to protect and preserve the area for future use.

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