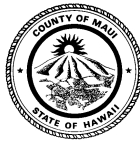


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March 29, 2023

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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 31, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1245, HD1, SD1, RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the purchase of an advanced life-support ambulance and related equipment to be based in Central Maui, fund pay-related costs for State-certified emergency medical services personnel, and appropriate funds to increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State.

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. Central Maui's population has significantly increased to nearly 55,000 – a 9% increase in the last decade, which warrants additional emergency services.
2. An additional ambulance would help reduce death and disability among visitors and residents by ensuring timely response to 911 emergency calls.
3. This measure is consistent with Maui Island Plan policy 4.6.1.f: "Encourage expansion and improved access to emergency care in all communities."

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