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TO: The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair, and
             Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
            Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 3, 2023; TESTIMONY IN <u>SUPPORT</u> OF SB 1596, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The measure's purpose is to establish a pilot program to provide for the planning, design, and construction of housing within or near a school campus for employees at schools in the Lahainaluna and Kulanihakoi complexes on Maui.

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 would address Maui County's lack of attainable housing, which is a limiting factor to attracting and retaining quality, specialized school teachers, staff, and administrators.

2. Using existing infrastructure and State property to provide housing for school employees would reduce costs, construction time, and traffic congestion.

3. This measure furthers the following objective of the Maui County General Plan: "Encourage the state to attract and retain school administrators and educators of the highest quality."

4. This measure also furthers the following objective of the Maui Island Plan: "Provide a more expansive network of safe and convenient pedestrian-friendly streets . . . between neighborhoods and schools where appropriate."

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

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