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March 31, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and

Members of the Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, and

Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and

Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee

Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF APRIL 3, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 222

AND SR 160, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI THE LAHAINA

PUBLIC LIBRARY MAKAI LAWN

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of these important resolutions. These resolutions would request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer to the County of Maui the Lahaina Public Library makai lawn.

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 strongly support these resolutions for the following reasons:

- 1. The makai lawn of the Lahaina Public Library is not being used.
- 2. Members of the public have not been able to obtain permits to use the land for events.
- 3. The land could be put to good use if the County of Maui owned it and leased it to the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** these resolutions.