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TO: The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

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

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 3126, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AEROMEDICAL SERVICES**

I support this measure to establish, administer, and maintain an emergency aeromedical services partnership program.

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. Maui Island includes remote, rural communities difficult to access via roads, and the County includes the Islands of Lana‘i and Molokai, making timely access to emergency healthcare challenging.
2. Creating the emergency aeromedical services partnership program will help reduce death and disability among visitors and residents by ensuring more timely response to medical emergencies.
3. Maui County’s medevac service is cited as a suitable model for the cost-sharing aspect of the measure, and additional, reliable, aeromedical transport service is essential.
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.”

Thank you for your consideration.