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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB1545, HD1, RELATING TO ADAPTATION PATHWAYS PLANNING**

I support this measure to expand State and county authority to plan for relocating infrastructure outside of areas exposed to sea-level rise and coastal flooding.

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. Sea-level rise requires prompt planning and action to address threats to public and private infrastructure along shorelines. State and county collaboration, with community input, is important.
2. The measure embodies an inclusive and mindful approach for various adaptation pathways, including incorporating triggers, implementing adaptation in phases, focusing on individual property-specific considerations, preserving natural resources, and including culturally informed and community-engaged planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

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