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TO: The Honorable Representative Linda Ichiyama, Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water & Land

> The Honorable Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Chair, and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

FROM: Alice L. Lee Council Chair

## SUBJECT: HEARING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024; TESTIMONY IN <u>SUPPORT</u> OF HB 1545, 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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