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TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1981, HD1, RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**

I support this measure to specify that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I this measure for the following reasons:

1. While the counties are responsible for enforcement, revenues accruing from parking tickets and violations of the Statewide Traffic Code are paid solely to the State. Traffic citations are issued by police officers whose costs, including salaries, equipment, and administrative support, are funded by the counties.
2. This measure provides an equitable way to share the responsibility of maintaining public safety for residents and visitors between the State and the counties.

Thank you for your consideration

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