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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB2295, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE**

I **support** this measure to allow counties to issue traffic infractions for violations of laws prohibiting or restricting stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways and county property.

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. Allowing counties greater authority under the Statewide Traffic Code will support public safety.
2. In Maui County, there are sections of county roads where visitors stop, pull over, or park on narrow, winding roads, creating hazardous conditions for themselves, other drivers, pedestrians, and emergency services.
3. Giving counties greater authority to issue traffic infractions in these situations will help counties to address this problem, leading to increased parking management and enforcement, and offering greater deterrence.

Thank you for your consideration.

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