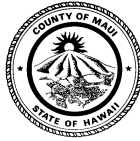


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TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
SB2209, RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT**

I **support** this measure to modernize the definition of “thrill craft” in the State Boating Law to include the term “surfboard using a motorized hydrofoil,” also known as “e-foil.”

This measure is in Maui County Council Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on the Council’s behalf.

The County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. There has been an increase in recreational and commercial use of surfboards with e-foils, which can reach high speeds and may injure wildlife, swimmers, and snorklers.
2. Adding e-foils under the definition of “thrill craft” will allow these vessels to be regulated appropriately for their speed and the dangers they pose.

Thank you for your consideration.

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