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TO: The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Chair, and
Members of Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and
Tourism
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 30, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2824, RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. Its purpose is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to upgrade South and West Maui R-1 water delivery systems and water reservoirs in South and West Maui forest watershed areas.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, 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. Increasing the use of reclaimed water for the irrigation of agricultural lands and landscaping and emergency wells will eliminate the use of underground injection control wells.
2. The usage of reclaimed water will mitigate potable drinking water shortages and the overuse of potable water for agricultural, landscaping, or firefighting purposes.
3. The bill is consistent with the Kihei-Makena Community Plan objective, "reduce the reliance on injection wells for wastewater disposal."
4. The bill is consistent with the West Maui Community Plan action 1.34, "expand recycled water storage and conveyance systems in West Maui to increase the reuse of recycled water."

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

The Honorable Lynn DeCoite
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