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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
SB2836, SD1, RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING  
RECOVERY**

I **support** this measure to establish the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

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. Establishing the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery will support the comprehensive wildfire recovery for Maui Island, including by formulating a much-needed strategic plan to address Maui's housing recovery projects.
2. The Interagency Council will include important representation from Maui by including as members various Maui County departments, the community, a Hawaiian cultural advisor, and a member of the Maui County Council.
3. The Senate Draft 1 amendment requiring the Interagency Council to work with Maui-based businesses to the greatest extent possible will further contribute to Maui's recovery.
4. Having this construct between the State and County of Maui for the many years it will take to plan, coordinate, and fund Maui's housing recovery will be beneficial in working toward unified and coordinated efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.