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February 7, 2024

TO: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair, and

Members of the House Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental

and Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee

Council Chair (

SUBJECT: HEARING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

SB3068, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE

RECOVERY

I **support** this measure to appropriate funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires.

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. As well stated in this measure, Federal, State, and County agencies have worked together with nonprofit organizations, including the American Red Cross, Hawaii Community Foundation, Maui United Way, and many others, on emergency response and recovery since the August 2023 wildfires. Further support is needed to address ongoing response and recovery efforts.
- 2. This measure provides much-needed help to Maui County's people at this critical time in our history.

Thank you for your consideration.

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