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February 5, 2024

- TO: The Honorable Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations
- FROM: Alice L. Lee Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF FÉBRUARY 6, 2024; TESTIMONY IN <u>SUPPORT</u> OF SB3171, RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES

I support this measure, which requires the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices and deletes the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building.

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. It acknowledges that the primary method for board posting and public viewing of meeting notices occurs digitally through websites, email, and other media, and that posting and viewing paper meeting notices hung on a board within a public building no longer serves the function it once did.
- 2. The measure also reduces the burden to board administrative staff by not requiring them to regularly maintain bulletin boards in public buildings with meeting notices that are nominally used while concurrently mandating that paper or electronic copies of meeting notices must be available to the public at all times.

Thank you for your consideration.

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