

Council Chair
Alice L. Lee

Vice-Chair
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
Tasha Kama

Councilmembers
Tom Cook
Gabe Johnson
Tamara Paltin
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez
Shane M. Sinenci
Nohelani U'u-Hodgins



Director of Council Services
David M. Raatz, Jr., Esq.

Deputy Director of Council Services
Richelle K. Kawasaki, Esq.

COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MAUI
200 S. HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793
www.MauiCounty.us

March 19, 2024

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

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 20, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1545,
HD2, RELATING TO ADAPTATION PATHWAYS PLANNING**

I **support** this measure to expand State and county authority to plan for relocating infrastructure outside of areas exposed to sea-level rise and coastal flooding.

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. Sea-level rise requires prompt planning and action to address threats to public and private infrastructure along shorelines. State and county collaboration, with community input, is important.
2. The measure embodies an inclusive and mindful approach for various adaptation pathways, including incorporating triggers, implementing adaptation in phases, focusing on property-specific considerations, preserving natural resources, and including culturally informed and community-engaged planning.

Thank you for your consideration.