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TO: The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Education
The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

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 HB1837,
HD1, RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY**

I **support** this measure to promote planning for evacuation of public schools in an emergency.

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. This bipartisan proposal is a well-considered recommendation of the Schools Working Group from the House of Representatives' Lahaina Wildfire Interim Working Groups.
2. The Schools Working Group's "Finding 1: School Evacuation Plans" states: "One of the most prominent areas of concern for the Working Group—one shared by West Maui community members—is the adequacy of evacuation plans in place and the need for such plans to be rehearsed . . ."
3. Requiring collaborate in the creation of individualized school-evacuation plans, as this measure does, will ensure efficiency and public safety.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.