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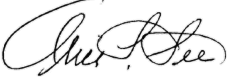
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TO: The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 13, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1839,
HD2, RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

I **support** this measure to appropriate funds for air quality monitoring in communities impacted by the Maui 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. It protects Maui County residents from health issues caused by air degradation from the 2023 wildfires and recovery efforts.
2. The House Environmental Remediation Working Group recommended funding and support to further ongoing monitoring, sampling, and testing activities in West Maui.
3. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine urge further research into the chemistry of urban wildfires and the harmful long-term health impacts to people in urban areas.
4. The World Health Organization concluded that when wildfires impact urban areas, the materials burned contain more toxic chemicals than from wildfires that consume wood and other natural material.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.