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TO: The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB1856, RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATION**

The Maui County Council **supports** this measure to authorize each county to adopt ordinances restricting the use of streets, roads, thoroughfares and highways that are hazardous or may impact sensitive areas.

This measure is in the Hawai'i State Association of Counties' 2024 Legislative Package, which the Maui County Council voted to support; therefore, I offer this testimony on the Council's behalf.

The County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. Empowering counties to regulate or restrict access to hazardous streets will promote public safety.
2. Empowering counties to regulate or restrict access to private streets when necessary to protect sensitive areas, such as endangered species' habitat, cultural, and archaeological sites, will further the State's environmental goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

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