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March 14, 2024

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair, and

Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Honorable Glenn Wakai Chair, and

Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and

Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee

Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF MARCH 15, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2295,

HD1, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE

I **support** this measure to allow counties to issue traffic infractions for violations of laws prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways and county property.

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. Allowing counties greater authority under the Statewide Traffic Code will support public safety.
- 2. In Maui County, there are sections of County roads where visitors stop, pull over, or park on narrow, winding roads, creating hazardous conditions for themselves, other drivers, pedestrians, and emergency services.
- 3. Giving counties greater authority, by allowing Police Chief designees to issue traffic infractions in these situations, will help counties to address this problem, leading to increased parking management and enforcement, and offering greater deterrence.

Thank you for your consideration.