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TO: The Honorable Luke A. Evslin, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Housing
The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Health & Homelessness

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB2324, RELATING TO HOUSING**

I **support** this measure to appropriate funds for prefabricated, modular, or kauhale-type housing for homeless individuals and low-income households.

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. Modular or kauhale-type housing units are a cost-effective construction option that can be expeditiously permitted to create direly needed housing. These units are innovative and provide a solution for homeless and low-income households.
2. Appropriate levels of funding for this program will broaden its reach. I would also ask that the Legislature explore ways in which the program can assist with the transitional needs of Maui wildfire victims.

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

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