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TO: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Housing

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 14, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2358, HD1, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS**

I **support** this measure to exempt certain affordable housing projects from Environmental Impact Statement requirements.

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 measure shortens the regulatory and entitlement approval processes for much-needed affordable-housing projects.
2. It makes affordable housing more feasible by reducing development costs.
3. It supports residents' vision for their county by encouraging development that is consistent with county zoning classifications that allow housing.

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

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