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TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2175, RELATING TO HOUSING**

I support this measure to allow counties to reclassify land that is 100 acres or less if 75 percent of the housing units to be reclassified are set aside for affordable housing.

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 appropriately increases local oversight of land use.
2. It will help to expedite the development of affordable housing by incentivizing developers to pursue large projects.
3. Affordable housing must be a priority if Maui County and the rest of the State are to maintain our residents, workforce, and quality of life. Finding ways to expand housing opportunities can be accomplished if we work together and put all of our available resources to use. This measure makes progress toward that goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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