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TO: The Honorable Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2198, RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS**

I **support** this measure to allow boards subject to state open meeting laws to add supplemental information received within 48 hours of a meeting to the board packet so long as the public is promptly provided access to the supplemental information.

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. It increases public transparency.
2. It provides the public access to supplemental information received within 48-hours of a meeting so that the public is able to view documents the board is using at its meetings.
3. It allows board members to make informed decisions with as much relevant information as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

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