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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 SB2199, RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS**

I **support** this measure to allow boards subject to state open meeting laws to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of providing training to new and current board members.

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 would allow board members to be trained on confidential or sensitive information.
2. Training with existing board members on processes would reduce procedural errors and promote meeting efficiency.
3. It would enhance engagement by creating space where board members and commissioners can actively participate in the training content.

Thank you for your consideration.

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