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February 6, 2024

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

SB2204, RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION

I support this measure to allow counties to submit State District Boundary Amendments to bring parcels in line with the counties' general plans.

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. Despite the Land Use Commission's historical usefulness, the current State-level process for reclassifying lands according to county general plans and community-development plans has become time consuming and costly.
- 2. Each county's general plan possesses a nuanced and distinct understanding of residents' preferences on growth and other long-term policies.
- 3. This measure would streamline the land-classification-review process, enhance government efficiency, and ultimately save taxpayer money.

Thank you for your consideration.

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