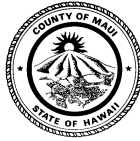


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TO: The Honorable Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2743, RELATING TO COUNTIES**

I **support** this measure to allow certain counties, including Maui County, to use the county surcharge on state tax revenues and fuel tax revenues for the repair and maintenance of private roadways that are open to and used by the public.

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. In the wake of the August 2023 Maui wildfires, the County of Maui is facing unanticipated revenue shortfalls, including tax collections, and a heightened demand for resources to rebuild infrastructure.
2. Maintaining these private roadways that are open to and used by the public would aid in emergency services vehicles being able to access emergency locations timely and would assist in reducing wear and tear on emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration.

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