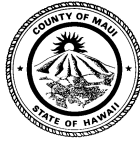


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April 1, 2024

TO: The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair, and  
Members of the Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 2, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3126,  
SD1, HD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AEROMEDICAL SERVICES**

I **support** this measure to establish the Emergency Aeromedical Services Partnership Program.

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. Maui County includes three populated islands with remote, rural communities, making prompt access to emergency healthcare challenging.
2. Creating the Emergency Aeromedical Services Partnership Program will help reduce the risk of death and serious injury among visitors and residents by increasing transportation alternatives for rapid response to medical emergencies.
3. Maui County's medevac service is cited as a suitable model for the cost-sharing aspect of the measure, and additional, reliable, aeromedical transport service is essential.

Thank you for your consideration.