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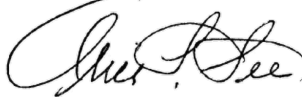
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TO: The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 11, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR203, SD1, REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTY OF MAUI TO INVENTORY AND MAP EXISTING R-1 WATER DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND RESERVOIRS IN MAUI COUNTY**

I **support** this resolution requesting the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to inventory and map existing R-1 water delivery systems and reservoirs in Maui County.

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. Recurring droughts and lack of adequate wells have caused parts of Maui County to struggle with water shortages, especially in Upcountry Maui and West Maui.
2. Inventorying and mapping R-1 water delivery systems and reservoirs in Maui County are important first steps toward developing additional water reclamation, reuse and retention resources, leading to more efficient water usage.
3. Reclaimed water can be used for valuable purposes such as agriculture, fire prevention, and firefighting, and use of reclaimed water wherever possible allows drinking water resources to be more available for other uses.

Thank you for your consideration.