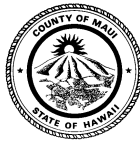


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TO: The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2025; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB1161, HD2, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

I **support** this measure to authorize counties to impose a mileage-based road-usage charge for electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles beginning July 1, 2028.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, 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. A stable and sustainable funding source is necessary to maintain and improve roads and bridges as fuel-tax revenues decline because of increasing electric-vehicle adoption.
2. By creating a clear and efficient framework for implementation, this bill ensures charges are assessed annually after an electric vehicle's most recent inspection and allows counties to set per-mile rates tailored to local needs.
3. This measure sets fair and responsible road-usage contributions and ensures all drivers equitably support infrastructure maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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