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February 18, 2020

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2224, SD 1, RELATING TO HEALTH**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for structure improvements for the Maui Memorial Medical Center.

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. The Maui Memorial Medical Center is Maui County's only full-service hospital.
2. This measure may help the Maui Memorial Medical Center develop much-needed hospital improvements, including an on-site parking structure.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

February 18, 2020

**Senator Donovan Dela Cruz Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

**RE: SB 2224 – Relating to Health
Hearing Date: February 19, 2020 at 10:00 am**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the intent of SB 2224, S.D. 1 – Relating to Health – and offering comments. This bill authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$6.25 million for the planning, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for structure improvements for Maui Memorial Medical Center (“MMMC”). Currently, an on-site parking structure is one of the biggest needs for the hospital. There is critical need for at least 520 more parking spaces to accommodate the significant number of patients and family members that arrive at MMMC each day. Due to the lack of parking facilities, hospital staff must often park as far away as Queen Kaahumanu center, which is more than a mile away from MMMC. This additional commute substantially increases their daily commute time and concerns for safety.

We estimate that the planning and construction of the facility would cost a minimum of \$21,000,000. While we have been exploring different development options for the parking structure, including a public private partnership as contemplated in this measure, we have not yet concluded that this is the development option we will indeed be pursuing. However, we look forward to continuing this dialogue with your committee and our Maui delegation.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michael Rembis, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer