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March 20, 2024

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair, and

Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

FROM: Alice L. Lee

Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF MARCH 21, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR99,

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION REGARDING

THE SAFETY OF THE BRIDGES ALONG HANA HIGHWAY

I **support** this resolution to request that the United States Department of Transportation investigate bridge safety on Hana Highway in East Maui.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this resolution for the following reasons:

- 1. Hana Highway (State Highway 360) is used by many residents and is one of Maui's most popular tourist attractions. The poor condition of some of its bridges could put drivers at risk.
- 2. An investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation would encourage support for repairing and reconstructing bridges along Hana Highway.
- 3. Six bridges have already been identified for potential improvement, as noted at hanabridgeimprovements.com.

Thank you for your consideration.