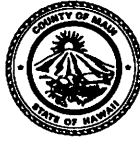


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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee 
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2690, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Office of International and Regional Partnerships, University of Hawaii Maui College, for study-abroad programs.

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. This measure appropriates funds to UHMC for scholarships to subsidize travel expenses and tuition for study-abroad programs.
2. This measure will encourage students to study abroad to gain foreign-language skills and cross-cultural competence and develop economic and educational relationships in an increasingly globalized world.

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

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