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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORTING STATE SENATE BILL 754 (2021),
RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE
INTOXICATED (PAF 21-045)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "SUPPORTING STATE SENATE BILL 754 (2021), RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kelly Takaya King in black ink.

KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 21-105

Resolution

No. _____

SUPPORTING STATE SENATE BILL 754 (2021),
RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE
WHILE INTOXICATED

WHEREAS, State Senate Bill 754 (2021), Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, has been introduced at the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the bill would lower the threshold blood alcohol concentration for the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant from 0.08 percent to 0.05 percent;

WHEREAS, the County is committed to eliminating all traffic deaths by 2040, as seen in Resolution 19-111, "URGING THE MAYOR TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ADVISORY GROUP," adopted June 7, 2019, and the Mayor's Vision Zero Maui proclamation dated October 26, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Maui County Police Department reported 505 arrests for impaired driving in 2020, nearly the same amount as in 2019, despite a 33 percent decrease in driving because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as reported in *The Maui News* on November 28, 2020, the MPD DUI Task Force and community partners' efforts to increase awareness about the dangers of impaired driving led to a 60 percent decline in traffic deaths in Maui County in 2020 compared to 2019; and

WHEREAS, despite the improvement, Maui County still had 11 traffic fatalities, six of which were alcohol-related, showing much work remains to achieve the Vision Zero objective; and

WHEREAS, in a disturbing trend, Maui County has seen a rising number of arrests for Habitual Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant in both 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, in testimony to a State legislative committee, dated February 9, 2021, the National Transportation Safety Board expressed support for Senate Bill 754, saying it would save lives in Hawaii; now, therefore,

Resolution No. _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it supports State Senate Bill 754 (2021), Relating to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker, State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, State Senate; Maui County's delegation to the State Legislature; the Executive Committee of the Hawaii State Association of Counties; Lauren Armstrong, Executive Director, Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization; Police Chief Tivoli Faaumu; County of Maui; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

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