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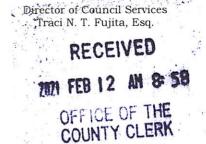
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The Honorable Alice L. Lee Council Chair County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: OPPOSING STATE HOUSE BILL 1286 (2021), RELATING TO TRAVEL (PAF 21-046)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "OPPOSING STATE HOUSE BILL 1286 (2021), RELATING TO TRAVEL," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

KELLY TAKAYA KING Councilmember

paf:kmat:21-046a

Enclosure

Resolution

No.	

OPPOSING STATE HOUSE BILL 1286 (2021), RELATING TO TRAVEL

WHEREAS, State House Bill 1286 (2021), Relating to Travel, has been introduced at the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the bill would prohibit counties from establishing their own COVID-19 policies; and

WHEREAS, the bill was the subject of a committee meeting on February 9, 2021, which generated more than 300 pages of written testimony; and

WHEREAS, many testifiers, including some from Maui County, pointed out each county has different needs when it comes to COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, this bill would restrict the counties' authority to quickly adopt and implement stricter or more specialized rules tailored to the needs of unique communities; and

WHEREAS, greater policy flexibility at the county level would enable the individual counties to create pathways to safely assist necessary resident travel and contain COVID-19 health threats; now, therefore,

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

- 1. That it opposes State House Bill 1286 (2021), Relating to Travel; and
- 2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Scott Saiki, Speaker, State House 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: and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.