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HOUSE COMMITTEE  
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H.B. 2672

RELATING TO PARKING

Chair Sonson and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2672.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the repeal of the cap in the allowable balance of the state parking revolving fund. This will allow DAGS to address ongoing maintenance and operational needs for parking in a timely and effective manner.

DAGS has no position on the bill's proposed method of determining "annual adjustments to parking fee rates" in accordance with State employee "raises". If this bill is advanced, there should be assurance that implementation will not be precluded by collective bargaining agreements.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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## H.B. 2672 – RELATING TO PARKING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association opposes H.B. 2672 in its present form. As drafted, H.B. 2672 would clarify the Comptroller's authority over parking facilities within the state's jurisdiction by removing parking space fees from negotiations under Chapter 89, HRS. Parking is currently a negotiable item for those employees who are required to use their personal vehicle and should remain so. This particular feature is unacceptable and warrants removal from the bill.

Another provision of the bill we oppose is tying parking fees to salary increases through collective bargaining. There is no logical relationship between the operation and maintenance of state parking facilities and negotiated salary increases. The costs of operating and maintaining the facilities as well as debt service on revenue bonds issued should determine parking fees.

Eliminating the \$500,000 cap on the state parking revolving fund is reasonable. There are ongoing facility repair and maintenance costs and the probable need to build new facilities on Oahu and the Neighbor Islands. We can support the bill if it is restricted to eliminating the cap on the state parking revolving fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to H.B. 2672.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nora A. Nomura', is written over a white background.

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