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TESTIMONY
OF
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
APRIL 9, 2008

H.C.R. 351 and H.R. 289

REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON IMPLEMENTING THE BEST PRACTICE OF FRONT LOADING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF STATE FACILITIES FOR SET ASIDE FOR EVENTUAL FUTURE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.C.R. 351 and H.R. 289.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of these resolutions that requests a feasibility study be done on repair and maintenance costs for State facilities. This study would amount to a considerable undertaking requiring that additional resources and expenditures be made available to DAGS. Whether done by increasing staffing or by contracting for consultants and subject matter experts, additional appropriations would be necessary. The amount of the appropriations would need to be determined. DAGS would not support any appropriation that would adversely affect any other programs or projects in the administrative supplemental budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.