

LATE TESTIMONY

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 3217 AND 2615

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SENATE BILL 3217: RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDS
SENATE BILL 2615: RELATING TO GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

Senate Bill Nos. 3217 and 2615 amend Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to:

1) limit the award of a grant or subsidy to a recipient no more than once during an unspecified period of time; 2) require additional information from applicants; 3) provide greater transparency in the selection of grant and subsidy recipients; and 4) require that each recipient submit a report to the expending agency and the Legislature within 30 days after the end of each grant or subsidy contract.

We support the proposed amendments as they generally appear to strengthen and reinforce the public purpose of State funds awarded as grants and subsidies as required by Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.