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TESTIMONY
OF
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HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CONCERNS
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S.B. 2826, S.D. 2

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2826, S.D. 2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes Section 2 of this bill because it is unnecessary.

The bill in its current form inserts a provision requiring the Comptroller to become an ex-officio nonvoting member of the State Procurement Policy Board (Board). There is no basis in the bill's language or the committee report for taking away the Comptroller's vote.

The state procurement code applies to state and county agencies. The State Procurement Policy Board adopts rules to implement the state procurement code. The Board has seven members, all with voting rights. Two members are government employees, one representing the counties and one, the Comptroller, representing the state. The other five members are not state or county employees. If the Comptroller's vote is

taken away, there will be only one vote representing the government agencies to whom the state procurement code applies. DAGS believes this will make the Board less effective.

DAGS recommends that Section 2 should be deleted from this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.