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TESTIMONY
OF
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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
February 25, 2009
H.C.R 67/H.R. 53

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INSTALL SIGNS IN THE STATE CAPITOL IN BOTH THE ENGLISH AND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGES.

Chair Carroll and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.C.R. 67/H.R. 53.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has concerns about the cost of H.C.R.67/H.R. 53. We support the intent of H.C.R 67/H.R. 53's requirement that all signs in the State Capitol be in both English and Hawaiian if it can be done without negatively impacting programs in the administration's Biennial Budget submittal. DAGS believes that if these resolutions are advanced, its implementation could be made more effective by designating the State Board on Geographic Names as the authority for the English and Hawaiian translations and spelling.

DAGS also notes that it is not practical to have an English translation of the motto or the Hawaii State Seal or replica's of it, and that if the Hawaiian words on them need to be properly spelled and punctuated, it may require that the original artwork be modified.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Rep. Maile Shimabukuro

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To the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Please vote NO on HCR 67 and HR 53. These are a waste of money, effort and time. There are far important issues that need to be addressed by the legislature. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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