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RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING

Chair Gabbard, Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on S.B. 553.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this bill. DAGS and other State agencies strive to reduce energy consumption and increase efficiencies. DAGS and other State agencies have programs under way to replace existing lighting with more

efficient compact fluorescent lights where applicable.

Additionally, DAGS has begun to replace illuminated exit signs with LED light fixtures on Oahu and has started a fluorescent de-lamping program of DAGS' managed buildings, realizing up to 30% savings in energy costs relating to lighting, while maintaining industry illumination standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.