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S.B. 559

RELATING TO RECYCLING

Chair Gabbard, Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on S.B. 559.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes this bill. DAGS has reduced its biennium budget in response to economic factors. There is no money to implement this bill if it were to become law.

DAGS supports recycling. DAGS participates in the University of Hawaii annual electronic device recycling program. DAGS also sponsors electronic device and furniture recycling, coordinating drop off and removal across State owned properties. DAGS has also adopted strategies to have vendors include old equipment removal and recycling in their proposals, take advantage of free equipment recycling efforts and offer programs for the re-use and re-cycle of paper products, electronic device, plastics, furniture and all other recyclable materials.

However, DAGS does not have the financial or personnel resources necessary to establish a mandatory recycling program for all State buildings and facilities, public schools, and the University of Hawaii.

DAGS recommends that this bill be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.