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TESTIMONY
OF
BRUCE A. COPPA, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
April 13, 2011

H.C.R. 252/H.R. 215

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR
ALL STATE BUILDINGS BASED ON HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on
H.C.R. 252/H.R. 215.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes the intent of
H.C.R. 252/H.R. 215 for the following reasons:

1. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Section 26-6, DAGS is responsible for undertaking the program of centralized engineering support services (such as: coordination for land or property acquisitions; management of planning and designing phase work; bidding and contracting phase work; inspection and management of construction projects; facilitation of quality control provisions; equipping facilities;

and implementation of other improvements for State agencies), including operation and maintenance of public buildings (as applicable), for departments of the State. Accordingly, DAGS typically provides centralized engineering support services for projects involving State office buildings under its jurisdictional management and control or for departments or agencies of the State that formally request DAGS to provide centralized engineering support services for projects involving public buildings under their jurisdictional management and control (with their delegation of adequate project funding for that purpose).

2. Under this resolution, prior to start of the 2012 Legislative session, DAGS staff will have to conduct field inspections and assessments for all State buildings, including public buildings for departments or agencies of the State that have chosen to utilize their own “in-house” engineering support services or currently provide operational and maintenance support for public buildings under their jurisdictional management and control (such as the: University of Hawaii system; Department of Education; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Human Services; Hawaii Community Development Corporation; Hawaii Health System Corporation; and Department of Transportation).
3. DAGS does not have the resources needed to properly inspect, assess, and prioritize all State buildings for this purpose prior to start of the 2012 Legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.