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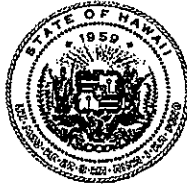
Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2017.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.B. 2017, but opposes it for one main reason. DAGS does not have the available resources or funding to pursue adoption of Hawaii Administration Rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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The Department of Transportation understands the intent of the Act to promote public-private partnerships by allowing private individuals and entities to provide funding for capital improvement projects, subsequently naming those projects after the private contributors.

Allowing private contributors to name projects in return for a contribution could provide much needed additional funding when revenue sources for the Department are producing lower than normal amounts.

While new potential sources of funding are desirable, the department has concerns especially with regards to our Highways Division. This bill brings concerns from the Highways Division in the areas of 1) advertising; 2) developers' conditioned improvements to our highways; and 3) confusion for destination signing.

Signing to identify the renaming for capital improvement projects may conflict with advertising laws under Chapter 264, HRS. This is especially so when the entity is a profit-making company.

Under the current land use development process, developers are conditioned to design, fund, and install improvements necessary to mitigate traffic impacts of their development. Under this bill, the developer now has the additional benefit of advertising their name for highway improvements that they are required to construct.

There are existing highway signs which provide direction to specific sites, and roads. Under this bill, the names of those sites and roads may change, and thus cause driver confusion and the need to change destination signing, documents, maps and other documents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

