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**TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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Senate Bill No. 2772, S.D. 1
Relating to the Hawaii State Public Library System

TO CHAIRPERSON MARCUS OSHIRO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of S. B. No. 2772, SD1 is to amend section 46 of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2004, to clarify that the transfer of certain functions pertaining to education personnel and facilities, did not apply to the Hawaii state public library system (HSPLS) and its employees.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) **strongly supports** this measure. Act 51, SLH 2004, was silent regarding the HSPLS employees and its administrative and personnel functions; as such, DHRD has treated HSPLS as though they were part of the executive branch and continued to provide services in the personnel area relating to recruitment, certification, examination, management, classification, compensation, and labor relations. Passage of this bill will clarify any ambiguity as it relates to HSPLS employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2772, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports S.B. 2772, S.D. 1.

Even with the implementation of Act 51, SLH 2004 (Act 51), DAGS continues to be the expending agency for the Hawaii State Public Library System's (HSPLS) CIP funds overseeing the development and construction of their major renovations and new libraries. Additionally, DAGS continues to perform the repair and maintenance work at the libraries. This measure clarifies that the HSPLS is outside the scope of Act 51 for work performed by DAGS and formalizes the scope of work DAGS currently performs for HSPLS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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SB 2772, SD1 - Relating to the Hawaii State Public Library System

The Hawaii State Public Library System strongly supports SB 2772, SD1.

The main purpose of this bill is to clarify The Hawaii State Public Library System's (HSPLS) status as a state agency separate from the Department of Education (DOE). This bill clearly places HSPLS and its employees under the executive branch.

Act 51, SLH 2004, transferred the control of certain functions pertaining to education personnel and facilities to the DOE to increase DOE's operational efficiency and reduce bureaucracy. This bill would clarify that HSPLS was not intended to be affected by the transfer to DOE in regards to all of the rights, powers, duties, resources, and functions listed in section 46. Act 51 was silent regarding the HSPLS employees and its administrative and personnel functions. HSPLS and its employees are best served by the personnel system administered by the Department of Human Resources Development and not the personnel system administered by

DOE. Additionally, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) is currently responsible for the maintenance and all general repairs of all 50 public libraries. This bill would identify DAGS as our contract administrator for all CIP projects including new libraries.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify on this measure.