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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
February 22, 2013

H.B. 1365

RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 1365.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of H.B. 1365 and provides the following comments:

1. Pursuant to Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), relating to the State Energy Plan, overview goals and objectives, DAGS will continue to look for feasible pilot project opportunities to install a rooftop garden on a DAGS managed building or other State owned building.
2. Installation of a rooftop garden on the fifth floor deck of the State Capitol Building will need to address associated structural loading and potential leakage problems for the floors below.

3. Pursuant to Chapter 6E, HRS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division needs to be consulted and must approve a proposal to create a rooftop garden on the fifth floor deck of the State Capitol Building.
4. DAGS recently awarded the bid for a project to repair the waterproofing and roof drainage system for the fifth floor deck of the State Capitol Building. The installation of a rooftop garden will require a redesign of the current project.

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

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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
FEBRUARY 22, 2013
Room 308
11:00 A.M.**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1365
RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 1365. The purpose of this bill is to create a rooftop garden on the 5th floor of the State Capitol. The Department is in support of this bill.

Agricultural innovation is essential in ensuring that the newest farming methods are being used to maximize space and resources to produce the best agricultural commodities possible. With new technologies, areas that have not been typically used for agriculture can now be transformed into productive agricultural landscapes; rooftop gardening is an example of this.

While the Department does support a rooftop garden on the fifth floor of the State Capitol, it does wish to point out the requirement in the bill that any garden must not compromise the structural and historical integrity of the building.

We thank you for this opportunity to present our testimony on this measure.





To: Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

From: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee Date: Thursday, February 22, 2013
11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308

Subject: **HB 1365, Relating to Urban Agriculture**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing with comments on HB 1365 with recommended amendments. The measure makes an appropriation to create a rooftop garden on the fifth floor of the state capitol building. HHF recommends that HB 1365 be amended to include another condition in Section 2, to wit, "The garden will be designed and implemented in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and subject to the State Historic Preservation Division determining that the garden will not have an adverse effect on historic properties."

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

The Hawai'i State Capitol is designated on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Its architectural significance derives in part from the symbolism of the building features, which reflects the cultural, social and natural histories of Hawai'i. As the only island state in the nation, Hawaii's geography is unique. The design of the State Capitol reflects that geography: the reflecting pools stand for the Pacific Ocean; the two chambers show the strength of the volcanic origins of the islands; the columns symbolize palm trees; and the rotunda is open to the sky. The historic designation also specifies that the reinforced concrete fourth floor overhang (which is the fifth floor terrace) is based on an inference to the Greek and western architectural motivators, while the reinforced concrete roof is an inference to oriental architecture and culture.

Any proposal that affects the historic structure should first begin with an understanding of the character-defining features that contribute to its historic significance. Any proposed changes, revisions or alterations must be designed and implemented in a way that protects the historic integrity of the Capitol, and that ensures that any alteration to the historic building will take care to avoid adverse effects on character-defining features.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic viability of the state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Breene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs and Members of the Finance Committee, Please Support HB1365 to create a food producing rooftop garden on the 5th floor of the Capitol. Many people, including myself would be overjoyed to volunteer time and hard work to make this a reality. The cost doesn't have to be an issue. Mahalo, Angela Breene Haleiwa, HI

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the passage of this bill

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TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair House Committee on Finance
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

February 22, 2013 11:00 am Conference Room 308

FROM: Jess Glasser

RE: **HB 1365** Relating to Urban Agriculture - **SUPPORT**

Representative Sylvia Luke Chair, Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto Vice Chair, and members of the House of Representatives Committee on Finance, I am **Jess Glasser**, I am a social work graduate student at UH Manoa and am committed to increasing food security for the people of Hawaii. I support **HB 1365** Relating to Urban Agriculture.

I support this bill because it will:

- Use our limited space wisely
- Support agricultural innovation
- Symbolize an important step toward Hawaii's food independence
- Add to the character of the Capitol by including a feature that literally nourishes the people of our state.

I urge your favorable consideration of HB 1365.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Phyllis Frus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more urban gardens. The capitol roof is a no-brainer. Please support it.

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Danielle Vassalotti	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly Perry	Individual	Support	No

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Crystal Thornburg-Homcy	Individual	Support	No

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Kelsey Amos	Individual	Support	No

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Joannie Pan	Individual	Support	No

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