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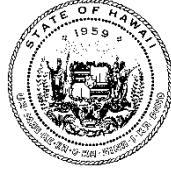
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RELATING TO PUBLIC ARCHIVES

Chair Wakai and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 997.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports S.B. 997, an administration-sponsored measure. S.B. 997 clarifies the authority and duties of the State Archivist to establish and manage a digital archives, to accept and preserve digital records of enduring value, and to establish the State Archives Preservation and Long-Term Access Special Fund.

As a centralized repository of records requiring long-term preservation and access, the digital archives will reduce costs by eliminating duplicated services, deliver better services to the public by centralizing access to archival digital records, assist agencies in addressing the

difficulty of the long term preservation of digital records, and provide greater accountability and transparency by preserving permanent digital records in a trustworthy repository following international standards. The digital archives will enable the State Archives to fulfill its statutory mandate to properly administer a records management program that includes records created digitally, and to ensure their ongoing preservation for future generations. Establishing the State Archives Preservation and Long-Term Access Special Fund will ensure that records of enduring legal, historical, fiscal, cultural or intellectual value are maintained in a trustworthy state and accessible to the public in perpetuity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.