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OF
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
February 19, 2014
H.B. 1122, H.D. 1

RELATING TO A STATE CAPITOL GIFT SHOP

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1122, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) does not support passage of H.B. 1122, H.D. 1 for the following reasons:

1. DAGS does not have the resources or expertise needed to procure and manage commercial retail activities for this purpose;
2. The anticipated benefit of generating revenues for the State from the operations of the gift shop may be overly optimistic, when considering the loss in use of the space for valuable office purposes, and the associated cost to the State to perform lease administration over the gift shop operation;



3. There currently are no vacant spaces within the State Capitol Building which could be considered for this purpose; and
4. Commercial activities within the State Capitol Building or on the State Capitol grounds may adversely impact historic considerations; the State's general obligation bond rating; and State laws, such as Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the management and disposition of public lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Maluhia Wolford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This pono measure could provide long term revenue for the state. Numerous visitors visit the capitol each year. People buy keepsakes from numerous iconic spots across the world. As we move toward a more global economy the State Capitol will attract different types of people with different types of Government. These keepsakes could remind them not only about their visit with thoughts of them returning someday but also as a catalyst for change in their respective homelands. Hawaii's state motto and its meaning (which is often done through State Capitol Tours) should be inscribed on memento's and sent out worldwide. Mahalo for your consideration, Maluhia Wolford

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Julie Acido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of this measure. In my years of travel, I have visited many state Capitol buildings, each with their own gift shop. It is always nice to bring back a momento of places I've visited. Recently, I hosted some friends from out of state and part of our excursions was a visit to the Capitol building. To my knowledge, we are the only one that has an open concept, the big question was where can they purchase a souvenir? We could not find any where in the area that we could purchase in item that showed the beauty, history, and background that is our state Capitol building. Please pass this measure so that we may continue to share with our visitors. Mahalo.

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H.B. 1122
Capitol Gift Shop Appropriation
Testimony of Alvin Paguio

February 18, 2014

Chair Luke and members of the Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to testify in regards to H.B. 1122.

I support the passage of H.B. 1122. A gift shop can provide many unique momentous and souvenirs for visitors and residents.

Items from the gift shop can be used to inform and educate people about the culture and history of our state.

The gift shop could provide further detailed information and education of the state's legislative process and another resource of information for our schools.

There are a number of state historic sites and monuments that can be represented and shared in the form of various keepsakes.

A well planned gift shop considering and addressing the concerns of the Department of Accounting and General Services could be done at a controlled cost to the state and provide a percentage of revenue into the State Capitol Maintenance Fund.

Thank you,
Alvin Paguio