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OF  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT  
ON  
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H.B. 1122

RELATING TO A STATE CAPITOL GIFT SHOP

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

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) does not support passage of H.B. 1122 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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Comments: I am in strong support of this bill. In my travels, I have visited many State Capitol buildings across the continental US, each of them had their own gift shop. It brings me great joy to be able to bring back a memento to remind me of wonderful places. I feel we have one of the most beautiful Capitol buildings in the country, why not offer a piece of nostalgia to our visitors? It would create jobs and increase revenue for the State, it could also assist in educating visitors of our islands rich history. Please pass this measure.

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