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H.B. 2611

RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL

Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2611.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.B. 2611 and will work collaboratively with all interested parties to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

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

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2611
RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL

by
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House Committee on Legislative Management
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Representative John M. Mizuno, Vice Chair

Friday, February 07, 2014; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** this bill, which will create one management committee to oversee the maintenance, security and operational needs of the State Capitol. The committee, consisting of all the stakeholders at the State Capitol complex, is necessary to properly analyze, prioritize, and oversee the myriad of issues that must be resolved to preserve the legacy and historic significance of the building and its unique role in Hawaii's democratic process. This bill also creates one management authority that's needed to develop integrated policies and procedures, emergency response plans, and updated security measures to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and legislators, while ensuring that all stakeholders are directly involved in a collaborative decision making effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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February 7, 2014

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Mizuno and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2611. My name is Kevin R. Kuroda, House Sergeant At Arms.

House Bill 2611 amends Chapter 6E by adding a new section establishing the State Capitol Management Committee to oversee the financing and governance of the State Capitol and its grounds and facilities.

Three brief points in Support:

- 1) Currently the capitol is listed as one of 23 facilities under the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). DAGS has been for the most part responsive and supportive to legislative requests, however it is at times challenging as we are constricted by the DAGS administrative rules.
- 2) The legislature occupies 75% of the capitol building and is a separate and independent branch of government. The legislature should have direct input on the capitol governance and operations as it affects them.
- 3) Establishment of The State Capitol Management Committee should improve efficiencies among the agencies providing services to the capitol and the building occupants. The Committee would also ensure adequate funding is recommended to necessitate services.

I'm available for questions, thank you for the opportunity to testify.