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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2510
RELATING TO URBAN WATER CONSERVATION**

Senate Bill 2510 establishes a four-year pilot program requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to implement landscape irrigation water conservation best management practices as established by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH). This measure also appropriates an unspecified amount of funding to DAGS to implement this pilot program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure since it would help preserve Hawai'i's precious fresh water resources, demonstrate government's leadership by example, and reduce water bills – provided that it does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.**

The landscape irrigation water conservation best management practices (BMPs) established by LICH were developed in close consultation with landscape professionals across the state and are recognized nationally as landscape industry standards. These BMPs are categorized into installation and maintenance practices. The agency cost of implementing installation BMPs in new and renovation projects is not expected to increase significantly over existing practices. Implementation of maintenance BMPs should not cause a substantial increase in operation and maintenance expenses.

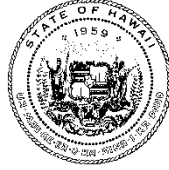
In order to facilitate this pilot program, the Department would like to see BMP education and training for agency landscape maintenance supervisors and staff offered by LICH (or other qualified organizations).

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RELATING TO URBAN WATER CONSERVATION

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on S.B. 2510.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.B. 2510, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget, and provides the following information:

1. DAGS will need approximately \$250,000 to implement a four-year pilot program based on landscape irrigation water conservation “best management practices” (BMP), as established by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH), which were developed in close consultation with landscape professionals across the state and are recognized nationally as landscape industry standards.

2. To facilitate effective implementation of this pilot program, DAGS will need to use funding appropriated for this purpose to also support ongoing Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Water Supply efforts to promote landscape irrigation water conservation BMP, which can be offered by LICH (or other qualified organizations).

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

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