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TESTIMONY
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
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H.B. 155

RELATING TO THE WAILUKU STATE OFFICE MASTER PLAN

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 155.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of H.B. 155, provided its passage allows the proposed actions to be incorporated into our existing program efforts and provided further, the measure does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

DAGS has implemented a three phase program to develop a statewide master plan for addressing the shortage of State managed office space within the DAGS jurisdiction, which is fully State CIP-funded. Work includes: verification of State office space needs in DAGS-managed facilities and in DAGS-managed lease space; development and population of a new DAGS database system to record and track space authorizations, assignments, and leases; and development of area master plans to identify means and methods to reduce lease rents by

relocation of programs into DAGS-managed facilities, to optimize efficient use of space, and to optimize program operations.

Exploration of solutions currently includes consideration for renovation or demolition/redevelopment of existing DAGS-managed facilities, development of new facilities on existing State properties, or acquisition/renovation of existing commercial facilities.

The project phases are geographically based and prioritized to address the highest concentration of space shortfall first. Phase 1 encompasses the State Capital District. The study is 97% complete. Target completion is April 2015. Phase 2 expands the program to include outlying Oahu districts, and Phase 3 addresses the neighbor islands to complete the statewide effort by December 2016. Implementation of Phases 2 and 3 will be concurrent upon the completion of Phase 1. The Wailuku, Maui, district is included in Phase 3, and a separate, prioritized interim report can be generated for this target area.

DAGS also supports the appropriation of funds to supplement program efforts provided this does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. The current program scope does not include complete canvassing of all lands and buildings adjacent to DAGS-managed facilities, nor does it include coordination with county agencies. The additional funding would help finance these efforts. DAGS anticipates that this expansion of scope can be implemented beginning January 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.