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TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR, ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2018 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCESSES AND SERVICES

House Committee on Finance

February 24, 2016

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2018. The purpose of the bill is to implement the recommendations we made in Report No. 15-13, <u>Study of State Departmental</u> <u>Engineering Sections That Manage Capital Improvement Projects</u> (November 2015).

As you know, we conducted our work pursuant to Act 177, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2015, which asked us to conduct a study to review the process, efficiencies, and accountability of various departmental engineering sections, except for those within the Department of Transportation, that manage general fund capital improvement projects. We noted inconsistent adherence to best practices and SPO guidance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2018. I am available to answer any questions you may have.



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Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2018.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of H.B. 2018 that proposes to establish guidelines for the management of capital improvement projects training for personnel.

However, DOT has the following concerns regarding the language of the bill maybe too broad and could subject the Department to duplicate current processes and procedures already established to ensure federal and state compliance requirements.

While DOT can highlight duplication in HB 2018 for the Department, the bill could also be cumbersome for other departments by subjecting them to specific requirements unsuitable and incompatible in which the criteria does not apply.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.