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S.B. 2157

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE TO REDESIGN THE REFLECTING POOLS

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 2157.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this measure as it recognizes the challenges we face maintaining this character defining and highly visible feature of our nearly fifty years old State Capitol building. DAGS completed two studies on the existing conditions of the pools: a comprehensive condition assessment in 2004, and a visual and water quality update in 2011. Although both studies were conducted to provide as much information as possible in preparation for renovation work, neither included destructive testing to verify the extent of the structural damage that has occurred due to leaks in the pools. We could only document leaks and damage that's are physically observable in occupied spaces below. This bill provides an opportunity to conduct more definitive destructive testing to establish the level of damage and related repairs that are necessary to preserve the full function of this facility, and to

expand our efforts to identify more innovative alternative solutions for renovation of the reflecting pools.

The proposed scope of work for the supplemental funds includes:

1. Drain the pool that has required the most mediation for leaks and perform destructive testing (\$400,000). This will help identify and document the extent of structural damage repair that is needed to provide more technically definitive procurement documents. The current structural conditions are the largest bidding unknown by far, and this will help increase the number of bidders by reducing the risk of having to price work for unknown conditions.

2. Complete an Environmental Assessment (\$200,000).

3. Gather results from the public and sponsor agencies outreach that address the water concept in the ponds; identify the most feasible and constructible alternatives; and prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for renovation of the pools (\$100,000).

5. Provide Construction Management services (\$500,000).

DAGS is actively collaborating with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation, to coordinate the recommended outreach, and we appreciate the additional support and funding this measure provides to ensure successful completion of the study and preparation of an RFP for renovation of the pools.

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

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