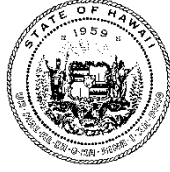


SB 800

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO STUDY
ALTERNATIVES FOR THE REHABILITATION
AND RENOVATION OF THE STATE CAPITOL
REFLECTING POOL.**

Makes an appropriation to the department of accounting and general services to conduct a study relating to the rehabilitation and renovation of the state capitol reflecting pool.

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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
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CONFERENCE ROOM 224

S.B. 800

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE
REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF THE STATE CAPITOL REFLECTING POOL**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 800.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the measure as it reflects our proposed efforts to facilitate the development of alternatives for the rehabilitation and renovation of the reflecting pools. DAGS will use the study funds to supplement its design phase of the project; provided that, funding for the project included in our current budget request is also appropriated.

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

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017
2:55 PM
State Capitol, Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 800
RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES FOR
THE REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF THE STATE CAPITOL
REFLECTING POOL**

Senate Bill 800 proposes to appropriate \$100,000 to study alternatives for the rehabilitation and renovation of the state Capitol reflecting pool. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

The Hawaii State Capitol Building is the single most dominant work of public architecture in the State of Hawaii and is listed on the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places. The Capitol building was designed to reflect Hawai'i's unique culture, history, and physical environment. The reflecting pools are integral to the vision of Hawai'i evoked by the Capitol.

Since its completion in March 1969, the State Capitol reflecting pools have faced maintenance challenges. Water appears to be leaking due to a deterioration of the waterproof liner, and, troublingly, appears to be infiltrating the foundation. This leakage may eventually lead to structural damage that would require extensive, time consuming, and extremely costly repairs. The significantly compromised water source results in brackish water within the existing reflecting pool that promotes the growth of algae.

The Department supports evaluating alternative design solutions in collaboration with the Department of Accounting and General Services, University of Hawaii School of Architecture, and Hawaii Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to address the maintenance and

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operational issues posed by the current condition of the reflecting pools while ensuring that the unique historical character and integrity of the Capitol is preserved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

From: [Louise Storm](#)
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Dear Committee,

Instead of spending money on yet another study, this time to try to fix the reflecting pool problem, could we appropriate some money to study how much money we have already spent on studying ways to fix problems that still exist 5, 10, 15 years later? I think taxpayers would be really interested to know how much money goes to studies instead of fixing the problems.

Louise Storm