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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
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H.B. 2443

RELATING TO AN ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS PILOT PROGRAM FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 2443.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the intent of this bill and would like to offer the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

Accessible playgrounds already exist at many of our public schools, municipal parks, and family public housing facilities statewide that have been constructed and are maintained by their respective managing agencies. DAGS recommends that H.B. 2443's language clearly establishing specific intended goals of the pilot program would be helpful.

DAGS also recommends that the pilot program be developed and implemented by an agency or agencies that have more expertise in community planning and construction and maintenance of accessible playgrounds. DAGS's construction acumen focuses on types of facilities for State agencies.

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

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Testimony for WAL on 2/9/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	No

Comments:

This is an excellent proposal. It would go a long way towards providing social and community integration for children with disabilities. Many other communities around the country and around the world have playgrounds of this nature. it would be wonderful for Hawaii to join them and provide this inclusive opportunity for these people.

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Testimony for WAL on 2/9/2018 10:00:00 AM

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Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments: