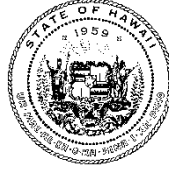


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S.B. 1225

RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER.

Chair Rhoads and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Wakai, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 1225.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes the measure and offers the following comments for the committees' consideration.

The measure proposes to transfer the title, custody, and control of Parcel 3, designated as Tax Map Key No. 3-7-004:003, to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). Parcel 3 is currently set aside to DAGS under Executive Order No. 3586 for Kahului Civic Center purposes, which includes the provision of facilities for State programs. However, as most of the facilities on the site have been demolished, and only the Department of Education's Adult Education and Lawnmower Operations remain there, DAGS opposes the

transfer on the basis of a loss of property that could be used for future development of State facilities and office space.

DAGS is open to discuss options with other stakeholders for the use of Parcel 3, such as an arrangement with HHFDC, which would provide mixed use development and the commitment to also provide State office space. Another option might be to enter into a land swap with Maui County for certain lands in Wailuku, which would still allow the county to work with HHFDC to develop mixed use/housing in Kahului while also allowing the State to consider future development in Wailuku.

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