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TESTIMONY OF
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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S.B. 2620

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2620.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill which removes the maximum limit on the amount of cash or bond that must be submitted to initiate administrative proceedings under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 103D-709 for the following reasons:

1. The proposed change has the potential to reduce the number of protests filed for large, high-profile projects because the degree of risk to be borne by the protestor will increase.
2. The proposed change will allow the State to collect funds which more appropriately compensate for the required level of defense of the protest and the adverse impacts on the protested project.

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