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TESTIMONY
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 1:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 1488, H.D.1
RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 1488, H.D.1.

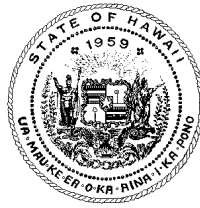
The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports H.B. 1488, H.D. 1, which seeks to enhance security measures at the State Capitol and the surrounding Capitol District and appropriates funds to plan and implement security improvements.

DAGS respectfully recommends that more flexible use of appropriated funds be ensured by revising Section 4 to read:

“SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the department of accounting and general services to plan, design, and implement security improvements, including, but not limited to, the planning, design, and installation of vehicular barriers, at the state capitol.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1488, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

By

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House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 21, 2019; 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports House Bill (HB) 1488, House Draft (HD) 1, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), in consultation with the Legislature and any other applicable entity, to plan and implement security improvements at the State Capitol, and appropriates funds to DAGS and PSD. PSD, however, offers the following comments.

PSD concurs that it is very timely to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the State Capitol and is eager to participate as a stakeholder. PSD is very appreciative of any appropriation to increase our armed, law enforcement personnel. However, the appropriation to PSD in Section 4 of this measure for security screening equipment and private, contracted, unarmed security screening personnel at any such checkpoints should be assigned to DAGS. The Judiciary and state Department of Taxation are examples of where PSD provides law enforcement and security presence to supplement the building efforts of the owner/occupant. The Judiciary contracts with a private security guard vendor and purchases the screening equipment and magnetometers. Sheriff Division provides the law enforcement

presence and works cooperatively with G4S who controls the entry points. Similarly, the Department of Taxation/Department of Labor and Industrial Relations contracts private security at the entry point to their premises. By memorandum of agreement, Sheriff Division supplements a law enforcement presence at the Department of Taxation building.

Further, we comment that any such appropriation for security equipment and private security personnel may be premature without first securing the perimeter and establishing controlled access points on the rotunda and chamber levels. Since this measure intends that DAGS shall begin planning and design, and provide annual reports to the legislature on its efforts, those efforts should include securing the perimeter to allow for controlled access points with security screening equipment and private security.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 21, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

House Bill 1488, HD1 - Relating to the State Capitol

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) offers comments on House Bill 1488, HD1 - Relating to the State Capitol, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), in consultation with the Legislature and appropriate agencies, to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the State Capitol and appropriate funds. It requires DAGS to remove all public parking from the State Capitol parking facility and relocate parking in the Capitol parking district. This plan will remove accessible stalls from the State Capitol parking area.

We understand that security is the major issue addressed in this bill. However, this will negatively impact the public, especially people with disabilities who are coming to the State Capitol to testify on bills which impact their lives.

By removing the limited number of metered parking, this will impact people with disabilities who drive to the State Capitol and park to testify at a public hearing or to talk to their Senator or Representative.

Metered public parking at the Department of Health and the 301 South Vineyard Street parking facilities are much farther than parking in the State Capitol basement. This will impact people with mobility impairments who use walkers and canes who cannot walk long distances. This issue creates an additional barrier to people with disabilities who want to and should be allowed to participate equally in the Legislative process. Employee parking for the various Legislative offices in the State Capitol should be assigned at those locations instead of limiting public access to the State Capitol. The State Capitol should be open and accessible to the public. Security measures can be planned and implemented without eliminating the metered parking or the accessible spaces.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

HB-1488-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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COMMENTS ON HB 1488, HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL

Submitted to the
House Committee on Finance
1:30 PM, February 21, 2019 Hearing in Conference Room 308

Do you really want to harass everyone who visits our State Capitol? Why isn't it sufficient to hire and appropriately, conspicuously deploy security personnel who can rapidly respond to incidents?



HB-1488-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

This is Hawai`i. It is the people's capitol. All the screenings and mazes that you can think of will not protect against the person who really wants to get in. The only thing this does bill does is lead to more trouble for the "average" citizen to access the area. There are many other ways to help protect the people who are at the capitol. One, might be a more visible presence of law enforcement around the building, consistently. As a frequent visitor to the Capitol building, I believe screening or putting scanner sites is a violation of my first amendment rights to express myself freely. As for the senators and legislators, many already keep their doors locked, don't answer emails or phone calls, this seems to be the next step to totally shutting out the public.