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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 894 H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
LAND SURVEY BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 894, H.D. 1, which appropriates operating funds for fiscal year biennium (FB) 2019 - 2021 for AGS211 – Land Survey (Program), under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs. We support this house draft as it reflects the Program's budget as proposed in the Governor's FB 2019 -21 operating budget for the Executive Branch.

The Program's mission is to provide statewide field and office land survey assistance for various government agencies, including Land Court and other governmental jurisdictions. The Program goals are to continue to provide survey services to government agencies, provide services to the general public and protect the interest of the State of Hawaii in land matters; provide training for employees to enable them to perform the functions of the Program effectively; continue to maintain and update the shoreline certification webpage regularly; and digitize one-hundred percent (100%) of the State's official maps and related documents to make the electronic copies accessible on the Program's website.

The Office of Hawaiian Government Survey was established under the Interior Department in 1970 to account for all the land in the Kingdom by its original title and indicate such accounting on general maps. Act 1 of the Special Session of 1959 placed the functions of the territorial or state surveyor under the Department of Accounting and General Services. The Program provides statewide office and field land survey work for various government agencies by preparing, furnishing, and maintaining maps and descriptions of all public lands required by other State agencies for the issuance of Governor's Executive Orders, general leases, grants of easements as well as the sale of

government lands or purchase of private lands for public purposes; reviewing and signing all "Return of the State Land Surveyor" forms prepared for each Land Court Application map referred to the Program for review and recommendation; reviewing File Plan maps for the Bureau of Conveyances; preparing detailed reports for the Department of Attorney General for all quiet title action suits in which the State is named as defendant; providing expert testimonies on land litigations in which the State is a party; reviewing all shoreline maps submitted to the State for certification; and serving as the official depository of all Government Survey Registered Maps, historic maps, field books, calculations and other survey information.

The Program looks forward to continued funding for our operations and positions under AGS211 - Land Survey, for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021:

PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO	PROGRAM	PROGRAM ID	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020	MOF	FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021	MOF
	LAND SURVEY						
		AGS211					
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	OPERATING		AGS	769,420	A	769,420	A
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.