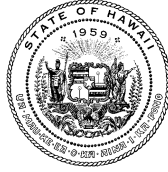


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RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 2065.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this bill and offers the following comments.

The DAGS believes flex time is already in place within departments through the Department of Human Resources Development policies and procedures. In addition, the DAGS understands the challenge state employees face when commuting during hours of peak traffic congestion. Prolonged commute times during the work week negatively impact public employee quality of life, wasting countless hours of productive time.

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

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2065. The DOT recognizes the importance of exploring alternatives to relieve peak hour congestion on the State Highway System. In addition to the consideration of alternate work hours, the DOT requests that alternate work locations also be included in the study.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**H.B. 2065 – RELATING TO PUBLIC
SERVICE OFFICE HOURS**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO would like to provide comments on H.B. 2065, which establishes the Public Service Office Hours Task Force to develop a plan to reduce the number of public employees that commute during hours of peak traffic congestion.

It's widely accepted that traffic in Hawai'i, particularly on Oahu, is at its all-time worst, where according to some studies, drivers waste a yearly average of 92 hours in gridlock. Therefore, we certainly understand the want to create a Public Service Office Hours Task Force to develop a plan to reduce number of public employees that commute during peak hours. With the agreement of the employer and the employees affected, it is possible to alter hours of operation for certain public services. We are pleased to report that we have already executed a variety of memorandums of agreements with our members to create alternative work week schedules, including flexible scheduling and 4/10 work weeks. However, it is important to note that changes to employees' schedules must be negotiated and mutually beneficial to both the employee's and the employer's needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. 2065.

Respectfully submitted,

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