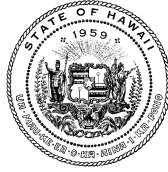


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H.B. 442 HD1

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Todd, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 442 HD1 requesting funds for project archivists at the State Archives to research and disseminate historical primary source records relevant to current issues.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports H.B. 442 HD1 and offers the following comments:

1. The Hawai'i State Archives is the largest repository for the documentary heritage of Hawai'i, beginning from the early days of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
2. Contained within its holdings are countless first-hand accounts of many of the issues that are being discussed today. It is our belief that society would benefit from greater access to the historical records preserved by the State Archives and the voices of the past that they contain.
3. Public records are not truly public unless that public has access to them including researchers on the neighbor islands and abroad. Current paper records can only be accessed from the facility on Iolani Palace grounds, 9am-4pm,

Monday through Friday, which inhibits their access by those who cannot travel, or where travel between these times are not feasible. Even with the digitization of many historic documents, the public finds it convenient to speak to professional archivists for advice and comments.

4. The current staffing at the State Archives is already at capacity dealing with day-to-day operations and serving the needs of researchers in the Public Research Room.
5. The additional project staff authorized in this bill will enhance the State Archives' ability to further digitize and make accessible to the Public those historical records of the past that are of value to the issues that are being addressed today.

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

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As the Hawaii State Archives preserves and shares Hawaii’s government records of permanent value, digitizing them and creating digital collections online will enable the Archives to do the following:

- enable more people to research the past and learn about Hawaii’s cultural heritage
- preserve the records’ information as their physical medium will not last forever
- enable efficient browsing of large volumes of materials
- provide access to historical sources that will otherwise be unavailable because of their fragility

To coordinate this digitization effort, the Archives will need more personnel, especially research archivists. Hence, I support HB442 HD1.

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