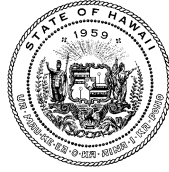


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CONFERENCE ROOM 225

S.B.2209

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2209.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the appropriation of funds to upgrade the sound system in the auditorium and conference rooms at the State Capitol.

The DAGS has received numerous comments regarding the outdated sound system in the auditorium and conference rooms. A new and upgraded sound system for both the auditorium and conference rooms will provide a better experience for the general public and legislature when attending events and hearings at the State Capitol.

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

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Senator Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 28, 2019

2:45 PM – Room 225

SUPPORT FOR SB 2209 - UPGROUND SOUND SYSTEM AT CAPITOL

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai'i for more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the families of **ASHLEY GREY, DAISY KASITATI, JOEY O'MALLEY, JESSICA FORTSON AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED UNDER THE "CARE AND CUSTODY" OF THE STATE** including the ten people who have died in the last 5 months, as well as the approximately 5,200 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety on any given day. We are always mindful that more than 1,200 of Hawai'i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure. **Currently, the only room at the capitol that has no audio or video is the House Public Safety Committee. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY SHAMEFUL AND DEFIES DEMOCRACY.**

BEFORE UPGRADING ANYTHING, IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY, PLEASE PUT AUDIO AND VIDEO IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY HEARING ROOM. There is so much disinformation being offered in this particular committee it makes one wonder if the lack of audio and video is intentional on the part of House leadership to continue hiding the misdeeds of our very broken system. Please show some respect the public. This is shameful.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share many the years of frustration the community has endured. Let's try democracy!

A well-informed electorate is a prerequisite to democracy.

Thomas Jefferson