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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEES ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

S.C.R. 87/S.R. 53

REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATORS TO UTILIZE UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR THE CUSTODY, INVENTORY, AND CARE OF PROTOCOL GIFTS RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OR EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Chairs Thielen and Taniguchi, Vice Chairs Inouye and Ihara, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. 87/S.R. 53.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.C.R. 87/S.R. 53 and offers the following comments: DAGS supports S.C.R. 87/S.R. 53. and offers the following comments:

1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has a vested interest in this resolution due to the fact that as foreign delegations and distinguished guests call upon the State Capitol, the Hawaii State Archives is increasingly being asked by the Legislature and the Governor's Office to set up displays of impressive historical records and artifacts – such as for the visit in January by the Fukuoka Sister City Delegation. Accordingly, protocol gifts received by the State through Legislators or high-ranking

members of the Executive Branch are of immense historical interest to the State Archives and People of Hawaii.

2. Based on the above referenced experiences, DAGS feels very strongly that the protocol gifts received by the State from visiting dignitaries have continued value and interest to the People of Hawaii and the State long beyond the initial gifting. When preserved and made accessible, these gifts can be used during future visits to illustrate the long and storied history between the People of Hawaii and those of the visiting dignitary. As such, it is in the State's best interest to ensure that such protocol gifts are held in the Public Trust by the State Archives, to ensure their preservation and ongoing accessibility.