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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER  
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TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021, 3:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 513

RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 513.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports H.B. 513 which dissolves the state capitol management committee. The last meeting with minutes was in September 2018. This committee was formed to get all tenants together to decide how to oversee the financing and operations of the State Capitol. It is DAGS responsibility to operate and maintain the State Capitol.

During the past year, the DAGS has continued to to operate and maintain the State Capitol through on-going projects and operations which include repainting, renovations, bird dropping mitigation, soffit replacement, new security cameras/equipment, re-carpeting, dead bolt lock installations and State Capitol pool leak mitigation. Moving forward, the DAGS requires

additional funding to complete the replacement of 25-year-old carpet in remaining areas of the Capitol as well as the repair of the State Capitol pools.

The health and safety of our tenants and employees is a top priority for DAGS. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the DAGS took immediate and quick actions to protect the State Capitol tenants and the facility, unlike through a committee which could slow down progress and urgency to implement protocols.

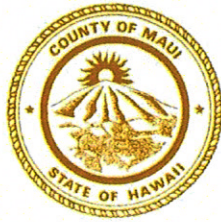
The State Capitol is 50 years old and continues to require work to maintain. The DAGS continues to follow the list of deferred maintenance of our Capitol facility and look forward to your continued support to fund high priority projects and operations that will preserve the Hawaii State Capitol.

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

**MICHAEL P. VICTORINO**  
Mayor

**DAVID C. THYNE**  
Fire Chief

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Deputy Fire Chief



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March 16, 2021

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 436  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Johanson:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 513, Senate Draft (SD) 1 Relating to the Enforcement of Laws

I am David C. Thyne, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC supports SB 513, SD 1, which proposes to increase fireworks display permit fees, increase fines for certain fireworks violations, require the Attorney General to establish an explosion detection technology working group, and require the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a web-based fireworks reporting tool.

The SFC fully supports increased fines for fireworks violations and collaboration with other government agencies to reduce the use of fireworks by the general public. The widespread use of fireworks endangers the public, not only when it is being used, but also when it is transported throughout the state. Deaths and serious injuries have occurred along with property damage. Neighborhoods are impacted by noise and pollution, veterans are reminded of combat conditions, and animals are traumatized for weeks and sometimes months preceding these holiday celebrations. While fireworks injuries occur primarily to children, an adult male who lived on Kauai succumbed to fatal injuries sustained from a fireworks explosion on December 31, 2020. Hawaii news media reports at least seven others, including juveniles, were injured from fireworks misuse on New Year's Eve 2020.

The increase in fines may deter individuals from the illegal use of fireworks and the proposed multiagency effort to increase scrutiny of fireworks violations will curtail this growing problem. The general welfare, public safety, and property protection are priorities for the SFC, and we respectfully request your committee's passage of SB 513, SD 1.

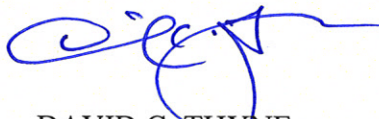
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair

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Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or [lrogers@honolulu.gov](mailto:lrogers@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Thyne', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief

**HB-513**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 9:48:35 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/16/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joe Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. It is the only state building that is managed by DAGS and I believe that it adds layers of bureaucracy. It may seem unfair to other occupants in other managed buildings.