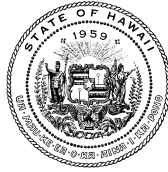


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S.B. 1304

RELATING TO CENTRAL SERVICES.

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 1304.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of the bill to ensure the proper maintenance and operations of State buildings. The DAGS offers the following comments for the committee's consideration:

1. Within existing State operations, facilities are assigned to various departments and each department is responsible for the repairs, maintenance and management of the facilities they are assigned. Of all State facilities, statewide, the DAGS has direct oversight for 1% of all State facilities.

2. Because the DAGS does not have jurisdiction over the majority of other State Department facilities today, we suggest that “Ensure that State facilities are managed...” be revised to “Ensure that State facilities, under the responsibility of the DAGS, are managed in accordance with proper repair, maintenance, and sanitation, including the establishment and communication of sanitation procedures for the health and safety of tenants and visitors. Other departments are also encouraged to adhere to policies governed by this bill.”

3. The DAGS currently surveys occupants within facilities that are under the DAGS responsibility. The survey provides all occupants with the opportunity to relay any concerns they have with repair, maintenance and sanitary issues within the facilities.

4. The DAGS feels the requirement to provide to facility occupants procedural details of how each task is performed should be the responsibility of every State facility and periodic collaboration with each facilities manager.

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