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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, STATE COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021, 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 762, S.D. 2

RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.

Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 762, S.D.2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the opportunity to offer **comments** that may improve security protection at the State Capitol. We further appreciate the addition in the S.D. 1 version of more comprehensive long-term plans and designs for a secured underground public parking facility and aboveground mall by updating the DAGS' State Capital District mall master plan.

The DAGS is willing to facilitate the process to develop a Capitol Security Plan but only if this measure provides for additional funding. DAGS does not have in-house security expertise to develop meaningful and effective security measures to restrict dangerous crowds, weapons, explosives, or vehicular access. The DAGS will have to contract with security consultants that do have security operational expertise. Public safety is everyone's responsibility. We look forward to the Department of Public Safety's leadership as well as other agencies in the State that can

contribute to this very important initiative to implement and enforce a unified security strategy that balances building security, employee safety and public accessibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

SB-762-SD-2

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Testimony for LMG on 3/17/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Kinimaka	DAGS	Comments	No

Comments:

I am available for comments, and I am testifying on behalf of Comptroller Curt Otaguro.

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Statement Before The
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Conference Room 312 and Via videoconference

in consideration of

SB 762, SD2

RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.

Chair KOBAYASHI, Vice Chair MIZUNO, and Members of the House Legislative Management Committee

Common Cause Hawaii provides comments on SB 762, SD2 which (1) requires the department of accounting and general services to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the state capitol and surrounding grounds, (2) amends provisions regarding the internal governance of the state capitol management committee, and (3) requires the department of accounting and general services to submit annual reports to the legislature regarding the enhanced security plan.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization focused on upholding the core values of American democracy through increasing civic engagement and breaking down the barriers to participation in our government.

Common Cause Hawaii has concerns regarding the process by which SB 762, SD2 was scheduled. We received the hearing notice for SB 762, SD2 less than 48 hours prior to the hearing date and time, which is contrary to Rule 11.5(1) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii.

Common Cause Hawaii acknowledges the great fear that has pervaded this nation and great distrust in the institutions of government that has taken hold of the citizenry, even in Hawaii. Common Cause Hawaii wants our elected officials and government employees and those who visit our government institutions to be safe.

Common Cause Hawaii especially wants our government institutions to be a welcoming place, an open place. We cannot have an open government, welcoming of different viewpoints, beliefs, and people, if it is not accessible to the public and closed off from the people. A government fearful of its people cannot represent the people. Our Capitol must continue to be the "People's House". Otherwise, the distrust, cynicism and contempt for our government will grow, leading to less civic engagement and civic civility.

Common Cause Hawaii respectfully asks that if this committee moves this bill that consideration is given to having a public advocate be appointed to the state capitol management committee for the

public's views to be taken into consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 762, SD2. If you have questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2 pm, State Capitol Room 312

Testimony Opposing
SB 762, SD 2
Relating to State Capitol Facilities

Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

