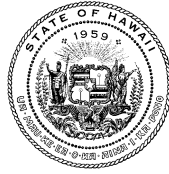


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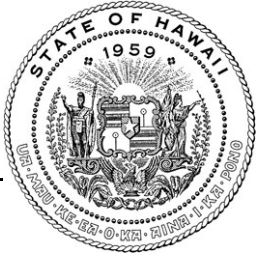
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Chairs Wakai and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs Misalucha and Dela Cruz, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of S.C.R. 164 / S.R. 156.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) recognizes the advantages to the public of consolidating State offices in a centralized location in West Hawaii. We agree that a cost analysis study would be beneficial in determining if consolidating State offices in a single convenient location in West Hawaii would be more cost effective and efficient than the current operations in multiple locations.

However, due to the lack of funding to support a consultant contract, we would appreciate expanded financial support to fund consultant services to develop the cost analysis study.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter



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Chairs Wakai and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs Misalucha and Dela Cruz, and members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) appreciates the intent and provides comments on SCR 164/SR 156, which requests DBEDT and DAGS to conduct a cost analysis study of consolidating West Hawaii State Offices into a single conveniently located complex.

DBEDT supports efforts to consolidate offices to improve services and for effectiveness and efficiency. Conducting a cost-analysis study will require funds to hire expertise necessary to perform the study and to draft a report on the findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.