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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

Testimony of  
**Josh Green, M.D.**  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

In consideration of  
**Governor's Message No. 520**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 520, appointment of Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Keith's longstanding leadership and service in government are a matter of record. He served as Business Management Officer of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, where he served as the Chief of Staff Officer to the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on financial and administrative program matters, including the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs's procurement and purchasing functions. Keith also led coordination efforts with private, state, and county agencies on building management issues and advised administrators in long-range program planning related to budget and resource management, expenditure plans and controls, and upgrading processes and systems to improve operational capabilities. The executive management skills Keith gained as Chief Administrative Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Finance Director and Managing Director of the County of Maui also equipped him with essential management, policy-making, and decision-making skills and experiences to effectively lead the Department of Accounting and General Services.

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Keith earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, and Bachelor of Science degree in business operations from DeVry Institute of Technology. Keith's educational background further supports his ability to take on the breadth of responsibilities of the State's centralized accounting and auditing system, statewide risk management services, records management and maintenance of central records, automotive management, and other responsibilities of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I am confident that Keith Regan's professional and educational attributes and experiences, as well as the respect he has garnered in the community and on the job, will enable him to serve the State and community well as Comptroller.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY OF  
MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNEMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 520

Tuesday, March 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMPTROLLER,  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
KEITH REGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I have only worked alongside Keith for all of three months as his deputy at DAGS. In that short time, I have had the opportunity to observe a leader who is passionate about his job and excited about the possibilities to make positive changes at the department. I find him to be extremely intelligent and thoughtful and I have been impressed by his creativity and ability to develop innovative solutions.

Keith believes in teamwork and collaboration. Since his arrival at the department, he has reached out to all his administrators and provided opportunities for one-to-one meetings to allow for space and time to properly address issues and concerns, or to just learn about their programs and build the foundation for effective working relationships. He is a quick learner and has impressed me with his ability to develop a solid understanding of the workings of the diverse programs at DAGS in such a short period of time.

Keith's overall background and extensive public sector administrative experiences working in state and county leadership positions will be vital to the position of Comptroller as he will have the qualification and traits needed to effectively direct and coordinate the various activities of the department within the scope of laws, established policies, and regulations.

I look forward to working closely with Keith as we have a shared vision, share the same approach, and have similar work ethic, all of which will make us an effective team. I am very confident that Keith would serve well as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Keith Regan for Comptroller and I ask for your vote in support of his confirmation.



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TESTIMONY  
OF  
BONNIE KAHAKUI, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR  
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
March 9, 2023

G.M. 520

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN,  
for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 520. The State Procurement Office (SPO) is in **strong support** of the nomination of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

The SPO has the honor of working with Mr. Regan since 2018 in his past roles of Chief Administrative Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and as Business Management Officer of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and now in his current role of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. He has proven to be a dedicated leader, providing direction, and facilitating teamwork and collaboration among DAGS' divisions and attached agencies to carry out our respective objectives and best serve the public. His professional experience in both state and county government, volunteer activities with notable community organizations, and accolades received over the years are testament to his devotion towards the betterment of Hawaii.

For these reasons we respectfully ask that your committee advise and consent to Mr. Regan's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 520.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY  
LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 520

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 225 & Videoconference**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE  
COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH REGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I am working with Mr. Regan in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

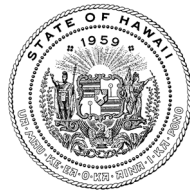
Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Mr. Regan is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Regan has been serving as the Comptroller of the DAGS since December 2022. Prior to that, he was the Business Management Officer at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Chief Administrative Officer at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. He also worked for the County of Maui for 12 years; during that time, he was the Director of Finance then became the Managing Director for the Department of Management. His work experience will benefit the DAGS and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY  
SABRINA NASIR  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 520

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I strongly support the appointment of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I am working with Mr. Regan in my professional capacity as Deputy Director of Finance.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN M.D.  
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**TESTIMONY OF  
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

**TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

In consideration of G.M. No. 520

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial nominee, Keith Regan

**BEFORE THE:**

Senate Committee on Government Operations

**DATE:** Thursday, March 9, 2023  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 225

Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Keith Regan as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Given his past leadership roles with various state and county agencies, as well as his experience in finance in the private sector, I believe Mr. Regan is qualified to lead DAGS. I have had the pleasure of working and interacting with Mr. Regan over the past several months. He has proven to be very knowledgeable and helpful. I believe Mr. Regan is prepared and highly motivated to do a great job as the head of DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 520.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



JADE T. BUTAY  
DIRECTOR

WILLIAM G. KUNSTMAN  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII  
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

March 9, 2023

To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: GM 520; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) **strongly supports** Keith Regan as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Regan has an extensive background serving as a leader in operations and fiscal matters, including as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Managing Director and Director of Finance for the County of Maui. While serving Maui, Mr. Regan became a recognized credential manager by the prestigious International City/County Management Association. Mr. Regan's service demonstrates that he is a proven and innovative manager who improves operational capabilities for every office he has managed through expenditures and long-range program planning, resource management and upgrading process and systems.

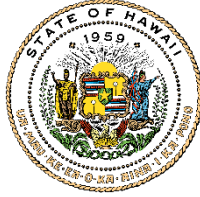
Mr. Regan is also highly regarded through several awards for his volunteer engagement with numerous non-profit organizations. His dedication to serve others empowers the social change that brings positive impacts to the community to this day.

The DLIR believes Mr. Regan has demonstrated that he is very capable and trustworthy to oversee the State's treasury with quality assurance and fiscal accountability that ensures taxpayer money is used effectively and efficiently to promote the common good for Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 520.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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**Testimony of  
DAWN N. S. CHANG  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 520  
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KEITH REGAN FOR COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

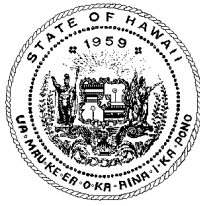
Governor's Message 520 proposes to confirm as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith Regan, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department recognizes that Mr. Keith Regan has held positions as the Chief Administration Officer for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Managing Director for the Department of Management for Maui County, and Director of Finance for the Department of Finance for Maui County.

He has extensive experience with budget management, helping resolve building management and security issues, and legislation advocacy. The skills and relationships that Mr. Regan has built for the benefit of Hawai'i residents make him an ideal candidate for the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Governor's Message 520.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 520  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE  
COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KEITH REGAN

By  
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 9, 2023; 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Via Video Conference

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services. His vast knowledge of government operations at both, the County and State levels are unmatched and with each position held, his duties and responsibilities grew as did the complexity of the work.

Mr. Regan clearly possesses the in-depth knowledge of government operations and vast work experience managing complex operations needed to successfully lead the Department of Accounting and General Services. He has the prerequisite knowledge, honed leadership and managerial skills, and interpersonal skills required to lead such a large, complex, and diverse department. I strongly urge the committee to recommend, advise, and consent for this highly qualified nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 520 and the confirmation of Mr. Regan.

**March 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm**  
**Conference Room 225 & Videoconference**

**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

To: Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

From: Catherine Betts, Director

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**GM520, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the**  
**Department of Accounting and General Services, Director**

I am Catherine Betts and I serve as the Director of the Department of Human Services. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 520, Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith Regan, as the Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Regan's leadership is evidenced by his multiple senior-level positions within in the State of Hawaii and Maui County since 2003. I became directly aware of his expertise during the Pandemic and his time at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Mr. Regan provided insight to Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Support Function 6 on housing alternatives, headed by the Department of Human Services. Mr. Regan's commitment to the people of Hawai'i is clear and uncontested.

Within his short time as acting Comptroller, Mr. Regan has shown himself to be innovative and responsive. I look forward to working closely with him on a variety of issues of DHS.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 509 and Mr. Regan.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
Governor

**SYLVIA LUKE**  
Lt. Governor



**SHARON HURD**  
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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023  
3:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 520**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chairperson McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Keith has held leadership positions in accounting and finance since 2003, as the Director of Finance for the County of Maui, as President/CEO of the Credit Associates of Hawaii, Managing Director at the Department of Management, County of Maui, Chief Administrative Officer at Hawaii Tourism Authority, State of Hawaii, Business Management Officer with the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs, State of Hawaii, and in his current position as the Acting Comptroller of DAGS. He has the experience, the qualifications and is the right person for the position.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm KEITH REGAN's nomination to serve as the Comptroller, DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.







STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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**Date:** 03/09/2023  
**Time:** 03:00 PM  
**Location:** CR 225 & Videoconference  
**Committee:** Senate Government  
Operations

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** GM 0520 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

**Purpose of Bill:**

**Department's Position:**

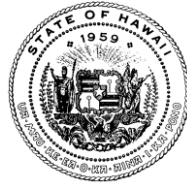
As the Superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department), I strongly support Governor's Message 520 and the confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

In his previous role as the Managing Director of the County of Maui, Keith Regan demonstrated his ability to manage and lead through a collaborative and focused approach. Mr. Regan's extensive experience in the public and private sectors also includes being the Chief Administrative Officer of the Honolulu Tourism Authority and the President of Credit Associates of Hawaii. The abilities, knowledge, and experience gained throughout his career have equipped Mr. Regan with the skill set necessary to lead the Department of Accounting and General Services.

The Department of Accounting and General Services is an essential partner of the Department and is crucial to the continued operation and maintenance of the Department's facilities. I look forward to collaborating with Keith Regan to address the Department's repair and maintenance backlog challenges.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I am confident that Mr. Regan's dedication, integrity, and expertise will serve the people of Hawaii well in this vital role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 520.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM520**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

SENATOR ANGUS L. K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATION

Hearing Date: 3/9/2023

Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Keith  
3 Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), for the State of  
4 Hawaii.

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6 Mr. Regan brings decades of government leadership and private sector entrepreneurship to an  
7 essential state agency. His experience in complex logistics and strategic planning is key to an  
8 agency like DAGS, on which all other state agencies depend. His track record of  
9 accomplishments including implementing meaningful performance management systems, re-  
10 establishing compliance to audit findings, emergency management, capital improvement  
11 projects, and IT operations are all relevant to the role of Comptroller.

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13 DOH looks forward to the energy and experience Keith will bring to a core central agency like  
14 DAGS.

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16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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18 **Offered Amendments:** None

**JOSH GREEN, M. D.**  
GOVERNOR  
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**SYLVIA LUKE**  
LT. GOVERNOR  
KA HOPE KIA'ĀINA



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Statement of  
**BRENN A H. HASHIMOTO**  
Director, Department of Human Resources Development

Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and the members of the committee.

We strongly support the appointment of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller,  
Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Regan is proven to be a dedicated public servant with considerable knowledge  
of government operations and the legislature. In the few short months working with  
Mr. Regan, he has always displayed transparency, accountability, and  
responsiveness.

Prior to Mr. Regan's position as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and  
General Services he served as the Business Management Officer for the  
Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs. He has extensive experience  
leading coordination efforts between the state, county, and private agencies on  
building management issues; advising administrators in long-range program  
planning relating to budget and resource management and expenditure plans; and  
upgrading processes and systems to improve operational capabilities.

We look forward to collaborating closely with Mr. Regan on several current and  
future projects of mutual interest and concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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To: Senate Committee on Government Operations

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: March 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Re: Testimony on G.M. No. 520  
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Comptroller,  
Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, Keith Regan, for a Term to Expire 12-07-2026

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I am writing in strong support for the confirmation of Keith Regan as Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

As the Director of an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to DAGS, I have had the good fortune to previously work with a number of outstanding directors. I believe that Mr. Regan will prove to be another outstanding DAGS Director. He has broad experience in State and county governments, and already has demonstrated his executive abilities and willingness to understand and work with the many and various divisions and independent agencies within DAGS.

I hope that the Senate will confirm Mr. Regan as Director of DAGS.  
Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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Testimony of  
DOUGLAS MURDOCK  
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GVO)

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 520  
NOMINATION OF Keith Regan  
Thursday, March 9, 2023

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Keith Regan as Comptroller at the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Regan has served as the Business Management Officer for the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs, leading coordination efforts with private, state, and county agencies on building management issues, and advising administrators in long-range program planning relating to budget and resource management, expenditure plans, and upgrading processes and systems to improve operational capabilities.

He has also served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and Managing Director and Director of Finance for the county of Maui.

I am honored to support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
GOVERNOR

**CHRIS J. SADAYASU**  
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*An Agency of the State of Hawaii*  
March 9, 2023

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TESTIMONY  
OF  
RYAN G. ANDREWS, STADIUM MANAGER  
STADIUM AUTHORITY  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
March 9, 2023, 3:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 225

G.M. 520

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the appointment of Mr. Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

From my professional interaction with Mr. Regan, it is clear he has the knowledge, experience, and business acumen to ensure successful project outcomes. Mr. Regan brings to the State of Hawaii – DAGS valuable and extensive experience and knowledge at various levels of government ranging from state to municipal, as well as bringing to the table, the private sector perspective. This collective experience will be extremely beneficial to DAGS as it continues to address and develop a very complex and challenging project of upgrading the State of Hawaii's financial management information system. In addition, I have found Mr. Regan to be committed and quick to absorb the myriad of complex projects that involve DAGS.

As such, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Mr. Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller, DAGS for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Regan.



Written Statement of  
**Len Higashi**  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
**GM520**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have worked with Mr. Regan since he started at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority in 2018 and at the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs. Through the years, we have collaborated on multiple technology and innovation projects. Mr. Regan is very forward thinking in his use of technology. This attribute that will make him successful as the State Comptroller and will help the Department of Accounting and General Services move forward with improved efficiency. Mr. Regan has integrity, is a strong leader, and the right person to serve as State Comptroller.

I look forward to working together in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



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March 2, 2023

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 520 – Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I am respectfully writing in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), State of Hawaii.

I have briefly known Keith as the Acting Comptroller in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) which is a DAGS administratively attached agency. During this time, I have greatly appreciated Keith’s work ethic and commitment to this position as well as his support for the Commission and straightforward responses to me. During a time of transition where you would expect delay and indecision, he has timely responded to our requests/inquiries and has been very professional and accessible. I believe that he has the proper demeanor and integrity to do well as the Comptroller, State of Hawaii, and therefore, appreciate the opportunity to write in support of his nomination.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter and ask the Committee to support the nomination of Keith.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao".

Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao  
Executive Director



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TESTIMONY OF THE  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 520  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE  
COMPTROLLER,  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

March 9, 2023

Chair McKelvey and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Keith Regan.

Mr. Regan brings a wealth of experience in State and County government. In the short time since meeting and working with him, he has impressed us with his professionalism, knowledge, and understanding of State government. Additionally, through the budgeting process, Mr. Regan has been very supportive of our operations, as well as the election process.

We look forward to working with Mr. Regan in his role as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services, and respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Mr. Regan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Regan as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.



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**Josh Green, M.D.**  
*Governor*

**John De Fries**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Statement of  
**JOHN DE FRIES**  
Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00 P.M.  
State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
**GOV. MESSAGE NO. 520**  
**NOMINATION OF KEITH REGAN**  
**COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

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Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

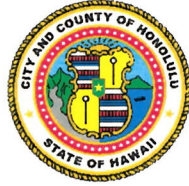
From December 2018 to August 2022, Mr. Regan served as Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. He was a steady hand guiding our administrative affairs through record-setting visitor numbers, the adoption of a new strategic plan, the collapse and reemergence of the industry during the pandemic, and HTA's move to new funding sources, procurement procedures, and reporting requirements.

Mr. Regan's leadership, professionalism, and experience will be a benefit to the important work of the Department of Accounting and General Services. We strongly support this next step in his distinguished career of public service, and appreciate this opportunity to express that support before this committee.

Mahalo.

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March 3, 2023

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: GM 520, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

As the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, it is my privilege to express my strong support for the confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

During my years of service, I have had the opportunity to work directly with Keith Regan, in both his role as Chief Administrative Office at the Hawaii Tourism Authority and as the Business Management Officer at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and found him to be a professional, innovative, and collaborative problem solver.

I respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Regan's confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

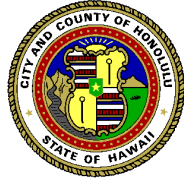
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby".

Michael D. Formby  
Managing Director

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March 6, 2023

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Government Operations  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT:** GM 520. Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, gubernatorial nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

I am writing in SUPPORT for confirming the appointment of Mr. Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I would like to offer my perspective from working with Mr. Regan in emergency situations in which he demonstrated effective leadership, compassion, and composure under pressure.

I first met Mr. Regan in his capacity as the Managing Director for Maui County during the aftermath of Hurricane Lane in 2018. Although the State was largely spared of direct impact, parts of Lahaina were devastated by brushfires exacerbated by the winds from the storm. I was asked by the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to provide mutual aid support to Maui County. Mr. Regan's leadership qualities were clearly evident from my initial interactions with him. He had empowered his emergency manager to coordinate the county's response efforts and made his support known to the other agencies; he provided visible leadership in the emergency operations center to reiterate his support for his emergency manager. At the same time, Mr. Regan assigned a representative of the county administration to be physically present in the affected community to ensure direct communication with community members to hear out the issues and concerns. Mr. Regan demonstrated a deep sense of care and compassion for the community.

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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
March 6, 2023  
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In anticipation of impacts from Hurricane Douglas 2020, I had another opportunity to work with Mr. Regan, this time in his capacity as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. We encountered extremely challenging circumstances for that storm in the early days of the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic before vaccines became widely available, and we still had many unknowns about the disease. The City and County of Honolulu already had limited options for hurricane shelters and in the pandemic environment, we needed a large space to allow for social distancing. In emergency management, we rely on statutory authorities and plans to respond to emergencies. We also rely on having relationships with partners that we can count on when we need to address novel situations for which we don't have a playbook. After one conversation with Mr. Regan, I knew that we had a solution. Mr. Regan assisted us in securing the Hawaii Convention Center as a hurricane shelter, despite the fact that it was a big ask of any organization to host evacuees with fears of the storm impacts exacerbated by fear and anxiety of COVID-19. My experience reaffirmed my view of Mr. Regan's as an effective leader, as someone with care and compassion for the community, and respect for him as a leader.

Mr. Regan's resume speaks to his qualifications and credentials. I hope that my personal experience in working with Mr. Regan during emergencies provides a perspective on his character and qualities of an effective leader, one that steps up to take care of our community even in the most challenging of times. I believe Mr. Regan is well qualified to be the Comptroller, and I hope that I can continue to rely on him as an emergency management partner in that capacity.

Sincerely,

Hirokazu Toiya  
Director

# SHOPO



STATE OF HAWAII ORGANIZATION OF POLICE OFFICERS

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March 2, 2023

## VIA ONLINE

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Rooms 223, 201  
South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **GM520 – Relating to the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Committee members:

I serve as the Maui County Chapter Chair of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO") and write to you on behalf of our Union in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan. I have known Mr. Regan personally and professionally for the past 20 years as he has held many important leadership positions within the Maui County Government. In the time I have known Mr. Regan he has always been a dedicated family man and public servant. Mr. Regan has always supported our police officers and made sure we had the equipment and resources necessary to keep our police officers and community safe.

Mr. Regan was very active in the Maui community and would often be seen volunteering for various community groups and nonprofits in his spare time. As the Director of Finance for Maui County and later the Managing Director, Mr. Regan was fiscally responsible and always represented our community with fairness and integrity. I have complete confidence in him as a leader as well as his knowledge and experience.

In my opinion, Mr. Regan has the integrity, experience, intelligence, compassion and decisiveness needed to be an excellent selection for this position.

Thank you for allowing me to be heard and for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Keith Regan.

Respectfully Submitted,

NICHOLAS KRAU  
SHOPO Maui Chapter Chair

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March 6, 2023

Honorable, Angus L.K. McKelvey, Senate Committee on Government Operations, Chair  
Honorable, Mike Gabbard, Senate Committee on Government Operations, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

**RE: GM 520 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMPTROLLER,  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH REGAN,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

Chair McKelvey,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest construction union in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 **supports Governors Message 520** and **asks for your favorable confirmation** of Mr. Keith Regan as the Comptroller for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Mr. Regans resume shows his extensive experience in working in various government entities ranging from the Department of Management and finance in Maui County, to state agencies like the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), and with the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). He experiences and expertise will be key in working with the staff of DAGS to help the department fulfill its goals. Specifically, the division of Public Works and the State Procurement Office are areas in DAGS that we feel need to be revised, streamlined, and updated.

It is our position that Mr. Keith Regan is the right person to be the state of Hawaii's Comptroller and lead DAGS and its divisions. We humbly ask for your support and his favorable confirmation.

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo  
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee  
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3





## HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

### Submitting Testimony on Behalf of Keith Regan

### For consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller for Department of Accounting and General Services

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you in strong support of Keith Regan for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Keith Regan for the past 15 years. Keith has an extensive background as a private business owner and in serving the public. As a former Managing Director of Maui County, Keith was responsible for the welfare of all the Departments, it's Directors, Staff and employees. As an Administrator, Keith made sure that everything ran smoothly.

Keith is smart, personable and levelheaded. He can adapt and make good decisions in any given situation. Keith is a hard worker and well respected in the community. I consider Keith a friend.

I think Keith would be a welcomed addition to the State of Hawaii as a Comptroller of Accounting and General Services and strongly ask for your support and consideration.

Mahalo!

William "Bill" Kamai

Senior Service Representative

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Hawaii Harbor Users Group  
In Support of GM520  
Before the Committee on Government Operations  
March 9, 2023

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of key commercial harbor users statewide. HHUG supports GM520, which nominates Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Mr. Regan is an outstanding longtime public servant with a Master of Public Administration from one of the most prestigious universities in the country. His decades of experience in state and county governments gives him unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii. HHUG members have worked with Mr. Regan on maritime issues and have always found him to be open, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

Matson Navigation Company, Inc.  
In Support of GM520  
Before the Committee on Government Operations  
March 9, 2023

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) supports GM520, which nominates Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Mr. Regan is an outstanding, longtime public servant with a Master of Public Administration from one of the most prestigious universities in the country. His decades of experience in state and county governments gives him unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii.

Matson has worked with Mr. Regan on maritime issues and have always found him to be open, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/1/2023 7:42:56 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jiro Sumada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I wish to offer my strongest endorsement and support for Mr. Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii’s Department of Accounting and General Services.

I first met Mr. Regan on September 11, 2012. At the time he was the Managing Director for the County of Maui and I was serving as the Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for the City and County of Honolulu. His visit to DPP was to research the challenges we were facing in processing building permits, because Maui County was embarking on a search for new technology to upgrade their building permit system.

Two things stood out for me during that briefing about the challenges we faced at DPP. First was his humble nature as the Managing Director which made him very easy to talk to. He listened well and was eager to understand what we were going through, as opposed to trying to tell us what he already knew. The second thing he did was ask very probing questions that required our staff experts to answer and there was a very open dialog. I could see that he already had a keen understanding of the issues Maui County faced and whether the systems we had in place could be used in their search for new technology. I was very impressed by Mr. Regan as being a seasoned executive that anyone can talk to and someone that isn’t afraid to getting into the details before making major decisions.

Then about one year ago, through a variety of unusual circumstances, I had the honor to work with Mr. Regan as volunteer meal servers for an elegant dinner at his home. His wife was teaching an etiquette training class and my fiancée was attending as a student. It was a fun event, but our role as servers was rather serious. We were supporting the instruction that was being given, and our timing and attention to detail was very important in how we plated the food and served the guests. In this formal-informal setting, I got to learn Mr. Regan’s true nature as we joked about how humbling life is and what we learned leading government teams. In that relaxed “work” setting, the words he used as we talked stories was very telling. It was clear to me, getting to know him on a more personal level, that we shared a common respect for others of all backgrounds and upbringing. It was also refreshing to hear that we shared the same belief that, as leaders, our main goal is to help people work better together so they can succeed, not so we can succeed. This outward focus of helping others to achieve their own success resonated with me because it is very unique in government.

It is this outward focus on helping others succeed that I first saw in Mr Regan 10 years ago and again more recently that gives me the confidence to know he'll be able to build collaborative teams at DAGS.

Mr. Regan has the right mix of experience, humility, respect for others, and a willingness to engage in the details to be a successful Comptroller for our State. His obvious desire to bring people together to work collaboratively will help foster creativity and ultimately breakdown silos within DAGS. I also foresee his ability to build bridges between state departments, the counties, and the private sector that I believe will have a significant positive impact in supporting our community work through the many complex issues we are facing.

Again, I offer my strongest support for Mr. Keith Regan as State Comptroller and humbly ask for your vote in favor of his confirmation.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations. My name is Levy Silva, and I am testifying in strong support of GM520, Keith Regan's confirmation.

As a lifelong resident of Maui, I am probably one of the few people that have known him since he moved to Maui almost 34 years ago. I was fortunate to grow up with Keith on the slopes of Haleakala. We shared many experiences over the years in our personal and professional life.

I recall the first time I met him. He knew so little about our culture here in Hawaii, but I immediately sensed, as did my late mother, that he was different from the other transplants that have tried to make Maui their home. He was genuine, curious, respectful, and had a desire to absorb everything that makes this place special. He wasn't interested in changing this place but, instead, he wanted to understand and appreciate what makes Maui special. I think that's why so many people he's met over the years respect him. He may not have been born here but I know in his heart and soul, Hawaii runs deep in who he is as a person.

As we grew older, we set out in life and started our careers and our families. We always remained close and, after he joined the County, that's when I witnessed his love for Maui and Hawaii blossom. It was clear to me that he found his passion by serving others while working at the County. I could see the energy he brought to his role at the County. He made countless sacrifices in his personal and family life to support our community in good times and bad. The way that he carried himself at the Council and in public was always tactful and respectful even when being in difficult situations.

In times of crisis, like tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, and even false missile alerts, he made sure his family was safe and secure but then always made it a point to put our community as his primary responsibility. I know for a fact that he spent many sleepless days and nights working to support the people of Maui without any expectation of recognition and especially without the knowledge of many in our community.

Keith cares about people regardless of whether he knows them or not. I was a longtime employee of HC&S. When A&B notified us of the closure of the mill, it was Keith who stepped up to pull together the Sugar Operators Support Taskforce. It wasn't something he was required to do in his job but it was something he wanted to do to help those in need. He was able to bring together resources from all levels of government, nonprofits, and the private sector. Through the help of all those involved, the taskforce was able to find jobs, provide guidance, and retrain hundreds of people that would've otherwise been unemployed and unable to put food on their tables. When I saw that Keith was involved, I knew he was doing it because he loves this community not because of personal gain.

When he moved to Oahu, we didn't have as much time to connect in-person but he always made it a point to reach out and check on me and my family. Eventually, my new job gave me the opportunity to travel to Oahu for work and, fortunately, also allowed me to get together with him from time to time. I watched him continue to grow in his new roles at the State and, based on our talks, knew this was a continuation of his passion for public service. His love for Maui and the neighbor islands clearly influenced and impacted his approach to work in a positive way.

Having known Keith for as long as I have and as someone who can speak about his true character, his true motivations, and his true passion, I have no doubt in my mind that he is the right person for this

job. He has the skills, experience, knowledge, creativity, and determination to serve the State well as Comptroller. He is a true public servant who has always put community first.

It is for these reasons, based on my long standing personal and professional relationship, that I strongly support Keith Regan's confirmation and urge the committee to confirm him.

Mahalo,

Levy Silva  
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/1/2023 2:19:34 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT: Competent and capable individual. Great communication skills and is an even tempered person. Empathetic and works well with all sorts of personalities.



**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/1/2023 9:41:42 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Hruby	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have personally known Keith for over 20 years. He has proven to be dedicated, professional and a natural leader. I vote yes to him being able to take on any critical position in our government.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 7:06:47 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordan Lowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. In working with Regan on various projects, I found Regan to be very cooperative; and knowledgeable in coordinating the needs of each department while following best practices.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 11:42:47 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorraine McCarthy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Lorraine McCarthy and I have known Keith Reagan during his time living on the island of Maui. Keith is a wonderful community leader and outstanding contributor in everything he does and I know he would continue this passion in any endeavor he partakes 110%+. I offer my full support of his confirmation in this new role.

February 2, 2023

Testimony of

Todd Ogasawara, Retired from the State of Hawaii

Formerly: Information Technology Service Operations Officer for the Office of Enterprise Technology Services

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, March 9, 2023

3:00 PM, Conference Room 225

In consideration of

Governor's Message 520

Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith Regan

For

State Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

TO CHAIR MCKELVEY, VICE CHAIR GABBARD, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I strongly support the confirmation of Keith Regan to the State Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Mr. Regan since the spring of 2020 when he served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. We met and worked together when ETS was tasked as the technology lead to build a 250-seat call center at the Hawaii Convention Center in just 48 hours over a weekend for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to help deal with the massive number of unemployment insurance claims being filed at the start of the global pandemic. Mr. Regan and his team were a pleasure to work with during a time-constrained stressful weekend build out. In the days and months that followed, Mr. Regan's operational knowledge, cordial can-do attitude, and well-managed team increased an already considerable appreciation and value of his leadership. These traits will serve him well as State Comptroller.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Regan's confirmation to the State Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Testimony on Governor's Message 520  
Consideration and Confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and  
General Services, Keith Regan

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard Vice Chair

Thursday, March 9, 2023; 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

It is with great honor that I submit testimony in support of Keith Regan for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Mr. Regan has the work experience and educational background to "hit the ground running" as the Comptroller for DAGS. Additionally, Mr. Regan's commitment to public service is evident based on his many years of employment with local and state government and active involvement with a plethora of nonprofit and civic organizations.

I got to know Mr. Regan while he was the Chief Administrative Officer with the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). During the height of the pandemic, I assisted with the coordination of calling quarantined residents in partnership with the HTA and Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau. Mr. Regan displayed adaptive leadership skills during this unprecedented and tumultuous period. I observed Mr. Regan to be a competent, effective, and compassionate administrator. I have no doubt Mr. Regan will continue to be a transformational leader as Comptroller of DAGS.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of GM520 and the confirmation of Keith Regan.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Martin

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 5:52:54 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

I write in support of Governor's Message 520.

Keith Regan has served the state capably including his coordinating role for the Hawaiian Tourism Authority during the COVID-19 Statewide Emergency, where we liaised over the state's operations Video Tele-Conference while I was the interagency meeting manager.

I appreciate Mr. Regan's professionalism and willingness to serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
DP Armstrong

**Michael S. Vincent**

GM 520: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
OF

KEITH REGAN

Gubernatorial Nominee as Comptroller,

Department of Accounting and General Services

Before the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Thursday, March 9, 2023; 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

I am writing in in support of the nomination of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

I currently serve as the Deputy Director for Administration in the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) and have had the privilege of working with Keith in a prior role and now as we work to stand up the DLE.

I had the privilege of meeting Keith during the COVID-19 emergency while he served with the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) where he was responsible for coordinating HTA emergency management responsibilities with the public which included ensuring that the Hawaii Convention Center was ready and available for numerous COVID-19 response actions by various agencies. We regularly met with him and his team where I was fortunate to see his ability to manage numerous issues, events, demands, and needs at the same time and in such a way that all those relying on him and his team were successful in their work. This is exactly what is needed as the Comptroller and the demands placed on DAGS with respect to the establishment and management of State facilities.

During the last 3 months, we have worked very closely with Keith on coordinating law enforcement and security related issues with the goal of formulating a strategy to address security and safety issues of State facilities. His understanding of the needs of the public visiting state facilities and the employees assigned therein, his attention to the

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KEITH REGAN  
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options to address those needs, and willingness to explore options to identify the course of action that best serves the public is exceptional. We look forward to our meetings with him because we know they are always productive and will help our respective agencies in our work serving the public.

For these and other reasons, I strongly support the nomination of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services and respectfully ask the Committee to move his nomination forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of Jordan.  
Michael S. Vincent



**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 9:30:37 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Walter A. Dods III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 - Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Walter Dods, and I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), of the State of Hawaii.

The first time I met Keith, was when he and his family moved in next door to me about 2 years ago. We spent over half an hour just talking story and I knew immediately that he was a solid guy and would be great neighbor. Soon after, I learned that he had invited his in-laws to move from Maui to come and live with them (including his uncle in-law) which I thought was a great indication of his character. The Regans are a wonderful family and have been terrific neighbors. We have spent time at each other’s house for dinner and they often bring over food and vegetables from their garden. I recently moved home from Kona after spending almost 10 years there and the Regans remind me of the friendly, generous and reliable folks I’d grown to love so much from the Big Island. Spending time with Keith, I’ve also come to observe that he’s a great father as well as husband and son in-law. Just watching the family interaction is a joy. He is friendly, conscientious and meticulous. Anyone who keeps their home as neat and tidy as Keith will be a fantastic comptroller. He’s a credit to his community and a fine addition to our neighborhood. I think he will do a great job for the State of Hawaii.

Prior to his move from Maui to Oahu, Keith served as the Managing Director for the County of Maui for nearly 10 years and Finance Director for 2 years. In these roles, he more than capably managed the County of Maui, dealing with a wide variety of issues — similar of the issues that the State Comptroller is responsible for — such as information technology, accounting, automotive management, central surveys, and public works.

Prior to his role as Comptroller, he served as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) where he managed the day-to-day operations of the HTA

which included general administration, finance, budget, procurement, legislative, emergency management, security, information technology, and the convention center.

Keith graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master of Public Administration and has an MBA from the University of Phoenix. During his time with the county, he was accepted into and completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State & Local Government program.

Keith has been actively involved in numerous nonprofits and boards, in various capacities, including the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Boy Scouts of America (Aloha Council & Maui), Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, State Board of Public Accountancy, American Heart Association of Maui, Kiwanis Club, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation.

He is truly passionate about public service and the betterment of our community. This is evidenced by him being recognized as the Pacific Business News 2001 Young Community Leader of the Year, Kiwanis Past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of the Year, and very first male president of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui. He is an alumnus of the Pacific Century Fellows Program and was honored as the Pacific Business News Young Businessperson of the Year in 2001.

I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Walter A. Dods III

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 10:27:22 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Curt Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting my testimony as a private citizen in support of the nomination of Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller and Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I've had the opportunity to work with Mr. Regan during his various positions in Maui and Oahu. Mr. Regan has always exemplified a positive and creative mannerism to work collaboratively to get things done. A team player, Mr. Regan helped the State establish a "temporary" unemployment processing center and expanded contract center at the convention center. He coordinated with HCC and vendor partners to help set up the expanded processing operation to accommodate the increased unemployment applications during the initial stages of the pandemic. He is very knowledgeable in government operations through his work at both County and State employment. He is an effective leader and a people person who will serve our State well as Comptroller. I appreciate the Senate Government Operations Committee's consideration to confirm Mr. Regan as Comptroller and Director, Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 3, 2023

The Honorable Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date and Time:  
March 9, 2023  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 225  
Hawaii State Capitol

Subject: Governor's Message No. 520  
Relating to the Appointment of Keith Regan  
as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support on behalf of Keith Regan, interim Director and Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I have known Keith for many years and have witnessed first-hand his tireless commitment and dedication to public service. In addition to his prolific career accomplishments serving in high level positions with both local and state government, Keith devotes much of his time to community service. From serving on the Aloha Council for the Boy Scouts of America to working on service projects as President of the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu, Keith exemplifies the true meaning of giving selflessly of his time to members of the community.

Keith possesses the qualities of a transformational leader, and this is evidenced in the many successful programs that he has initiated and implemented as Managing Director of the County of Maui and as Chief Administrative Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). Under his leadership as the Emergency Management Officer, he effectively led HTA through the COVID-19 pandemic, taking on projects and support missions to ensure proper health and safety protocols were in place to keep residents and visitors safe.

I have met many individuals during my tenure as Chairman of the Honolulu City Council<sup>1</sup>, and I can honestly state that few people exceed the level of commitment that Keith has demonstrated over the years as a public servant and contributing member of our community.


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<sup>1</sup> Chair and Presiding Officer (2011-2016, 2018)  
Honolulu City Council

The Honorable Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
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In closing, it is my hope that your Committee on Government Operations will affirm Governor Green's nomination of Keith Regan to serve as the Director and Comptroller of DAGS.

Respectfully



ERNEST Y. MARTIN  
Attorney at Law

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 9:59:07 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terrence Watanabe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have know Mr. Keith Regan for the past 13 years and have supported him throughout his public life in serving the communities both here on Maui and in our State. He is a very trustworthy and hard-working individual. He has the best interest of our State and its people in his heart. He is always willing to give of his time and talent in serving the needs of our people. Keith will step up to the plate everytime he is called to action. He is a very responsible and resourceful person and I know that he will do a wonderful job for us as the Comptroller in the Department of Accounting and General Services. His background, experience and years of service in the public arena qualifies him for this position. I know that he will serve us well and will contribute greatly to the work of our government.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my Testimony on behalf for Mr. Keith Regan.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Msgr. Terrence A. M. Watanabe, Pastor

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**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/3/2023 2:36:16 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Oku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sen.McKelvey, Vice Chair Sen. Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations,

I support the consideration and confirmation of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 6:52:36 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Horovitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Keith for many years both professionally and personally and wholeheartedly support his nomination.



**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 12:26:47 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Croly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of Keith Regan's appointment to be Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. Keith is a man of great integrity and served the County of Maui as Managing director where the experience he had with all aspects of County government will serve him well as the State's Comptroller. He is a family man who has raised a fine son who has earned Eagle scout and shows a compassion for others and a dedication to public service. A young man only learns and achieves these things from a solid example. And Keith Regan has shown that example for his son to emulate.

Thomas Croly

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Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey  
Chair-Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Senate District 6  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

March 4, 2023

Re: Hawaii Senate Bill GM520

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey and the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

I am reaching out to you as a private citizen in support of the appointment and confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have been volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council as a Board Member and active Scout Leader for over six years. During that time, I have worked closely with Keith Regan who has been actively involved as a volunteer and leader within the Boy Scouts of America Maui District. This has given me an opportunity to witness Keith's dedication to the Maui community as both a community volunteer and public servant. Keith carries out his work with the utmost integrity and possesses a passion to give back that is admirable and contagious. I am confident that with Keith's leadership abilities, he will be a strong asset to the Department of Accounting and General Services in the role of Comptroller.

Please extend an opportunity to Keith Regan to use his strengths to serve the State of Hawaii by confirming him in the position of Comptroller.

Yours Sincerely,



Declan Mc Carthy

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/4/2023 3:34:43 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Satoko Miki-O'Donovan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

3/4/2023

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair

Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 – Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Char Angus McKelvey, Vice Chari Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Satoko Miki-O'Donovan. I have been working as a licensed mental health counselor for over 20 years on Maui. I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Keith and his family over 15 years. He and his wife invited my son to join Boy Scouts of America when my son was in preschool. I have seen Keith very involved and always helpful to lead and support the program even though he was active with other nonprofit organizations and his work. I often hear him and his wife talking about how to make the nonprofit organizations and community better, and they are very passionate about them and also taking actions towards reaching their goals.

On a personal note, Keith has been a very caring and supportive friend especially regarding raising my son, and he offered help numerous times and being a great role model for him. I am

not familiar with politic and not even a citizen of US, but my husband and my children are. I am not sure my testimony counts, but I cannot recommend strongly enough to recommend Keith for the position for his passion and dedication for the betterment of our community.

My family and I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Satoko Miki-O'Donovan, LMHC

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**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/5/2023 12:02:03 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcia Miyasato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair

Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM520- Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as  
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Marcia Lea Miyasato. I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, (“DAGS”) of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Keith for eight years as a family friend. During this time, I have witnessed that Keith is a devoted family man and a committed member of our community. Keith resides in a three-generation home where he is a loving, fair and respectful family member.

Besides his professional duties, Keith is dedicated to nonprofit organizations that support our community, such as being the current Treasurer for his son’s Boy Scouts Troop 325 and President of the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu. His impressive dedication to public service resulted in Pacific Business News recognizing him as its Hawaii Young Community Leader of the Year in 2001 and Kiwanis International honoring him as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of the

Year. In addition, Keith is an alumnus of the Pacific Century Fellows Program, and he was honored as Hawaii's Young Businessperson of the Year by Pacific Business News in 2001.

Keith Regan has proven to be a leader in his professional roles, such as being the Managing Director of the County of Maui for nearly ten years. After moving his family to Oahu, Keith served as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), where he managed the day to day operations of the HTA. Keith's strong leadership skills are generated by his fairness and respect for all, his superior communication skills, and his ability to quickly learn, absorb and adapt to new situations.

Keith's strong academic background shows his intellect as well as his desire to serve his community. He has earned a Master's Degree from USC in Public Administration, and, in addition, an MBA from the University of Phoenix. He was accepted into and completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State & Local Government program.

Keith Regan has demonstrated that he possesses all the skills and personal attributes necessary to fulfill the position that he is seeking. My family and I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Marcia Lea Miyasato

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**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/5/2023 2:55:10 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Miyoke Ng	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee, my name is Miyoke Ng and I am submitting testimony as an individual in **SUPPORT** of Keith Regan's consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

In the brief time Mr. Regan has been in the role of Acting Comptroller, he graciously shares his vast and varied county and state work knowledge and experience with managers and staff to guide the department to think out of the box when seeking solutions to program challenges. Mr. Regan has made great strides in gaining a comprehensive understanding of DAGS program operations and continually provides support and encouragement to program managers and staff.

In conclusion, Keith will be an asset in this role of DAGS Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 6:34:36 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jean Min	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jean Min and I support Keith Regan's nomination as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services and recommend confirmation.

I have known Keith Regan on a personal level for several years. He has a passion for Public Service and has always been involved with various community organizations. He is a well respected man in Maui County. Keith will definitely be an asset with his management skills, ability to work well with others and his can-do attitude.



**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 10:34:46 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey T. Pearson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: Senator Angus McKelvey, Chair, and Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair:

Re: Confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services

When: Thursday, March 9, 2023, Conference Room 225

My name is Jeff Pearson and this testimony is in favor of the confirmation of Keith Regan for Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. In the past, where I was Deputy Water Director at Maui County, I had the pleasure to work directly under Keith where he was Managing Director under Mayor Arakawa. Keith is a person of good character, caring not only for the position he is in, but for the people working under him. He works hard and does his homework to ensure he is doing what needs to be done. He is not afraid to initiate new programs for the good of the people. He will also show interest in his staff and work with them to better the department. While Keith has much to learn in the position as Comptroller, I am confident he will do well and work with the legislature to try and meet your needs and the needs of the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E.



Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations, I am providing testimony in strong support of GM520, the confirmation of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

The first time I met Mr. Regan was in 2011 when I was being inducted into the Maui High School Foundation's Hall of Honor. He approached me at the award ceremony to congratulate me on receiving the honor, and we had an opportunity to sit and chat. There was something special in him that I recognized.

Our personal and professional connection grew over the years. My intuition about Keith was proven correct as he tirelessly committed himself to the communities he served through his position in County government and his consistent involvement in various non-profit organizations. Serving as the Managing Director of Maui County required him to be a strategic, flexible, and empathetic leader. He dealt with various complex issues, including process improvement, budgetary, human resources, and emergency management. His skills, knowledge, and systematic approach helped guide him as he successfully addressed concerns and helped to move Maui County forward.

In 2018, Keith moved to Oahu to take a job with the State of Hawaii. His education, background, and experience served him well in this new role. I witnessed him grow professionally and personally as he integrated with his new community. He wasted no time making positive changes, providing expert guidance to his team, and addressing long-standing issues that existed well before his arrival to the State. He also got involved in community service through Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and other non-profits here on Oahu.

I know Keith to be a hard-working, dedicated, community-minded and highly capable individual. He has proven himself to be a reliable and committed public servant. He has the heart of a servant leader and the experience of a seasoned veteran in government service at the highest levels. I trust that he is more than able to expertly perform the duties and responsibilities of the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. It is for these reasons that I humbly ask you to support Keith Regan's confirmation as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Takaki", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald M Takaki  
Chairman

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mr. Ronald Kouchi, Senate President  
and Members of the Senate  
State Capital, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: Support of Keith Regan as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting  
and General Services,  
Governor Message No. 520

Mr. Ronald Kouchi, Senate President, and Members of the Senate:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Keith Regan as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. My name is Chad Fukunaga and I'm a licensed Civil Engineer and an officer of Kaanapali Land Management Corp. I've known Keith for many years and can attest to his high moral character, strong work ethic, civic mindedness, and a caring family man.

It seems he's always busy working, or dedicating time to community service, or spending time with his family. Our boys attended Scouting together, where Keith was greatly involved and served as Cub Master for a number of years. In which time he was a positive mentor for the scouts and an organized leader for the program. I've also known him to coach soccer and serve on many community organizations.

Keith's resume is impressive and speaks volumes to his work ethic and sense of community. I strongly believe his experience and positive character makes him a good choice as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Sincerely,



Chad Fukunaga

To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair,  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair,  
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

From: Dean I Hazama

**Re: G.M. 520, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS  
COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL  
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH REGAN, FOR A TERM TO  
EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Keith Regan, nominee as the Director for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). In the short time he has been on the job, Mr. Regan has demonstrated a willingness to tackle difficult issues with out of the box solutions, expediently address problems and collaborate amongst other departments to reach wins. DAGS has a wide spectrum of duties and responsibilities and the department needs his leadership and initiative to serve the people of the State moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**To:** Senator Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on Government Operations  
Conference Room 225

**From:** Ryan Yamane

**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023

**Re:** GM520 for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Office of Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chairs Gabbard, and the members of this Committee.

I humbly submit my personal testimony in **SUPPORT** of the appointment of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller, Office of Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Regan is dedicated to public servant and has the knowledge and experience working with the legislature and the County of Maui. Throughout my interactions with Mr. Regan, he has always displayed the highest level of responsiveness, openness, and desire to work collaboratively.

Mr. Regan also held the position as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services and as the Business Management Officer for the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs. Mr. Regan's experience both at the County and State level has positively impacted the people of Hawaii. During my former legislative role, I worked with Mr. Regan on water, land and ocean matters that positively impacted the lives of the residents of Maui. I am confident that Mr. Regan will continue to work with the Legislature and support this new Green Administration.

Thank you for service to Hawaii and the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 1:44:50 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Debbie A Cabebe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern:

I had the opporunity to work with Mr. Keith Regan on many commuity projects during his time as Managing Director for Maui County. I found Mr. Rgean to be professional, timely and responsive.

I am in strong support of Mr Rgean's appointment as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting & General Services.

Sincerely,

Debbie Cabebe

**March 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room 225 & Videoconference**

**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

To: Senator McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Gabbard, Vice Chair

From: Christine Kinimaka  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Re: GM 520, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in **support** of Keith Regan's consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for a term to expire on December 7, 2026.

In the short time that I have worked with and gotten to know Keith in my capacity as the DAGS Public Works Administrator, Keith has demonstrated both the leadership skills and enthusiastic humility essential to taking the helm of our everything-but-the-kitchen-sink department. Keith is using his wide range of state and county experience to quickly absorb all that our department administers through our fourteen offices and divisions and eleven attached agencies, while simultaneously taking on all the Comptroller duties and responsibilities during this legislative session, and while encouraging all of our programs to be innovative and collaborative in our approach to addressing our challenges.

Keith has demonstrated his willingness and capability to lead while reaching out to other agencies to build consensus, identifying ways we can work together, and building bridges towards achieving mutual success. Keith's capacity to find solutions and encourage teamwork is only surpassed by his passion to do right by the public that we all serve.

It is for these reasons that I encourage the Senate Committee on Government Operations to recommend Keith Regan's appointment to the full Senate to be confirmed as the Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 4:25:08 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Grant Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

My name is Grant Chun and I am the executive director of Hale Mahaolu, a Maui non-profit organization which provides affordable rental housing to income eligible senior citizens and families in our community.

I am writing for the purpose of expressing my support for Mr. Keith Regan, who is being considered for the position of Controller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have always known Mr. Regan to be very articulate and respectful, highly competent, and completely committed to the well-being and welfare of our community. During his service as managing director of the County of Maui, Mr. Regan was a loyal and staunch supporter of the work of our organization, and became conversant in our work and the services which we provide.

He has the skills, energy, and commitment to continue to contribute to our State.

I respectfully encourage your favorable consideration of this nominee.

Sincerely yours,

Grant Y. M. Chun



**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 5:01:22 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry Justin Hurford	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Stephen Higa and I am writing in full support for the appointment of Keith Regan.

I have known Kieth for over 15 years and can vouch for his unquestionable ethics and honorable character.

The first time I met Keith, I knew Kieth was someone who I would trust... with not only myself but with my family.

In 2016 during a catastrophic flooding event in Iao Valley that destroyed my home, Keith has not only visited my home outside his normal duties, he went above and beyond to ensure the safety of not only me, but also the residents of Iao Valley.

Even when first responders were here at my home, Keith took on himself to visit our family and community while off duty and made sure all residents were safe and basic life necessities were provided.

Keith's honesty and high work ethic is exactly what we need in government, and speaking for myself, my family and my community-- we fully support and endorse Kieth Regan's appointment.

Stephen Higa

220 Iao Valley Road

Wailuku, Maui

808-344-3938

Date: March 7, 2023

To: Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 – Confirmation of Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations. My name is Chris Tatum and I am testifying in support of the confirmation of Keith Regan to serve as comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I had the opportunity to work with Keith in his role at the Hawaii Tourism Authority when he served as the Chief Administrative Officer. He was an incredible support and resource to me, and leader to the entire team. His experience working with the Maui County government provided a valuable perspective to our Statewide Tourism organization. Keith developed strong relationships with the legislators, the administration, and hospitality industry leaders to learn everyone's perspective and priorities to achieve success through collaboration.

As the CAO, Keith also had responsibility for managing and motivating our employees. His engaging and caring management style provided a supportive atmosphere for the team to perform and develop. He was always fair, open, and made time to listen to everyone's issues, concerns, and suggestions.

Keith is a strong and intelligent manager that leads by setting an example. But more importantly, he is a caring person with integrity. His education, experience, and ability to achieve objectives by engaging all stakeholders, has prepared him well to serve as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. I strongly support his confirmation and appreciate your consideration.

Mahalo

Chris Tatum

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 8:15:34 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KEITH POWERS	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Date: March 1, 2023

To: Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 – Confirmation of Keith Regan as Comptroller,  
Department of Accounting and General Services

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations,

My name is Keith Powers, and I am testifying in support of the confirmation of Keith Regan to serve as comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I had the pleasure of working and collaborating with Keith Regan while he was the Managing Director of Maui County for 8 years and outside of his role with the county, we created the Aloha Initiative together - which helped to bring approximately 100 tsunami victims from Japan to Maui and Oahu for relief from the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

I had the pleasure of working and collaborating with Keith Regan during his eight years as the Managing Director of Maui County. Additionally, we created the Aloha Initiative together, which aided in bringing approximately 100 tsunami victims from Japan to Maui and Oahu for relief from the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami. For his tireless work and leadership with the Aloha Initiative, Keith received a Certificate of Commendation from the Consul General of Japan.

Moreover, I had the opportunity to work with Keith at the Japanese Cultural Society, 100 Men Who Care philanthropic organization, and many other initiatives and organizations where he held key leadership roles.

Keith is an exemplary leader and community organizer who always leads by example, demonstrating the highest level of character and work ethic. He is an excellent leader, listener, manager, co-worker, and friend.

It is for the reasons I mentioned above that I strongly support his confirmation and I ask each of you to vote in support of his confirmation.

*s/Keith Powers*

Keith Powers  
Makawao, Hawaii

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 8:21:07 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
CHRISTOPHER CURLEY	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 - Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as  
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Curley, and I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to  
confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services  
("DAGS"), of the State of Hawaii.

My wife and I have been friends with Keith Regan for 11 years, since our sons joined Cub  
Scouts together. Keith led our Scouts for a number of years and was a very good role model to  
the children and adults alike. I've always admired him because he is so well spoken and  
considerate of others. His devotion to public service and the betterment of our community is  
very genuine.

My family and I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the  
Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Christopher Curley / 808-283-2035 / aqualegal@gmail.com

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 - Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as  
Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am Kay Fukumoto and am respectfully writing to support GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as  
the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii.

I first met Keith over twenty years as we served together on various committees for the Japanese  
Cultural Society of Maui. He was the first male President for the organization and although he is  
not of Japanese ancestry, his love for the culture and the community drove him to launch  
innovative projects. He spearheaded revitalization efforts to strengthen the membership and  
pushed for more community activities like the Maui Matsuri Japanese Festival now in its 21<sup>st</sup>  
year.

He also served on many non-profit organizations during his time on Maui and in various  
leadership positions with the State Board of Public Accountancy, American Heart Association of  
Maui, Kiwanis Club, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and the Maui Memorial Medical Center  
Foundation. Moving to Oahu he continued to be involved in many non-profit organizations,  
focusing on joining the team and helping where needed.

I am a retired CPA with over forty years of experience in public and private practice and have  
witnessed Keith serving as the Managing Director for the County of Maui for nearly 10 years  
and Finance Director for 2 years. He was always fiscally responsible and strong and was  
involved in information technology oversight with the County as well.

I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State  
of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Kay Fukumoto  
543 Pohaku Street  
Kahului, HI 96732

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 6:43:13 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Janelle Shiraishi	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Angus McKelevey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard and Memembers of the Committee:

My name is Janelle Shiraishi and I am respectfully writing in adminate support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), of the State of Hawaii.

He is not only clealy qualified for the position but he possesses the character and values imperative for this position. He is at heart a Maui boy and deeply loves our beloved state.

Prior to his move from Maui to Oahu Keith served as the Managing Director for the County of Maui for nearly 10 years and Finance Director for 2 years. In these positions he managed the County of Maui, dealing with a wide variety of issues - similar to those required of the State Comptroller.

He served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Manging teh day-to-day operations which included general administration, finance, budget, procurement, legislative, emergency management, security, iT and the convention center.

He is truly passionate about public service as he has been activley involed in numerous nonprofits and boards (e.g. JCC, Boy Scouts of America, American Heart Association, etc.).

He is dedicated to the betterment of our community and state.

My family and I respectfully request that this Comminittee confirm Keith Regan as the COMptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Janelle Shiraishi (808) 391-9132



# CAROL K REIMANN

234 WEST HAWAII STREET  
KAHULUI, HI 96732  
808/870-0053 – CREIMANN4@GMAIL.COM

March 7, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I have had the distinct honor and pleasure of working with Keith Regan between 2015-2018 when we both served the County of Maui. Keith was the Managing Director and I was the Director of Housing & Human Concerns.

In this leadership position, Keith proved to be an excellent communicator and role model. He instilled the highest of level of integrity in all that he did; and was a trusted, conscientious, and intelligent administrator. As the person in charge of all departments, he led the county with distinction and honor.

Keith is a mature, personable and motivated individual who knows how to multi-task and is able to adapt to new and challenging situations with a level head. He has always exhibited a stellar work ethic and is highly respected.

I strongly urge you to consider Keith Regan for the position of Comptroller at the Department of Accounting and General Services. I am confident that he will be a positive addition to the team.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol K Reimann

Aloha Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee on Government Operations,

My name is Ryker Wada and I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of Keith Regan for his confirmation as Comptroller and Director of the Office of Accounting and General Services.

I have been fortunate to have had experience with Mr. Regan and have found him to be compassionate, intelligent and hard working. His skillset lends itself to success in this difficult position which is evidenced by his prior performance and success in State Government. I wholeheartedly believe he will serve the State of Hawaii to the best of his abilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 6, 2023

**RE: GM 520 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMPTROLLER,  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH REGAN,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

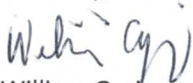
Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

My name is William Greig. I am the Business Representative for Maui and a Trustee for Operating Engineers Local Union #3. I **support Governors Message 520** and **asks for your favorable confirmation** of Mr. Keith Regan as the Comptroller for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Keith Regan has been instrumental in helping our union throughout the years. He understands the needs of our community and our local working people. His experience as listed on his resume exemplifies that he would be such a great candidate for this position. I support Keith Reagan and I have the confidence that he will work hard to get the job done with excellence and precision.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,



William Greig

Maui Business Representative  
Operating Engineers Local Union #3

To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair,  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair,  
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

From: Nadine Ando

**Re: G.M. 520, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS  
COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL  
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH REGAN, FOR A TERM TO  
EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Keith Regan as Controller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for a term to expire 12/7/26.

Mr. Regan's nomination to the position of Controller is well-supported by his extensive and impressive background in financial and administrative management of government offices and agencies at both the State and County levels. Most recently, Mr. Regan served as the Business Management Officer for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) where he oversaw all financial and administrative program matters, including advising DCCA division chiefs and administrators on budget/resource management, revenue estimates and expenditure projections and controls and upgrading of systems and processes. In his position with DCCA, he was charged with reviewing the operations of the department on a regular basis and provided the department with insightful recommendations for improvement and program development. He also addressed the significant facilities issues with the DCCA's building repair and damage issues and is well-qualified to handle the building and facilities management responsibilities that are encompassed within DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**Testimony of Catherine P. Awakuni Colón**  
**Before the Senate Committee on Government Operations**  
**Thursday, March 9, 2023**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Conference Room 225 and Videoconference**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

On Governor's Message No. 520, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith Regan, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón and I am testifying my personal capacity in **support** of the appointment of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii and to lead the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I had the great fortune of working directly with Mr. Regan when I worked for the State of Hawaii and when Mr. Regan served as the Business Management Officer for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). During his tenure at DCCA, Mr. Regan proved to be incredibly hardworking, respectful, and willing to lend a hand to customers and employees alike. Having worked with Mr. Regan while at DCCA and also having observed his ability to assist others in the State during the pandemic while he was at HTA, I am certain that Mr. Regan brings that same collaborative spirit and calm competence to his role as the Comptroller.

Mr. Regan has already demonstrated himself to be a highly productive and effective member of Governor Green's administration, and I respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as the State's Comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to support G.M. No. 520.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 7:21:01 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kym Sparlin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Regan is a dedicated public servant with integrity and steadfastness in his mission to serve the people of Hawaii. I worked closest with Mr. Regan during the COVID-19 pandemic. While there was much uncertainty and ever changing information, Mr. Regan remained focused, keeping the purpose and end goal top of mind. Refusing to work in a silo he is collaborative and innovative in his approach to problem solving.

The people of Hawaii will be well served with Mr. Regan as Comptroller.

Thank you.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 10:31:48 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Masaru Abe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Masaru Abe, a retiree from the County of Maui as the superintendent of Parks Maintenance.

I have known Keith Regan for 20 years.

Keith worked at the County of Maui as a Finance Director and 10 years as a Managing Director.

While working, he provided leadership during his appointment.

I strongly believe that he will do his job to the best of his ability and provide leadership as he has done in his employment.

Furthermore, as a graduate from USC, the credentials show his intelligence to succeed in any undertaking.

I hope you will consider his working abilities for his appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Masaru Abe

TESTIMONY OF GRANT ITO  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 520  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023  
3:00 PM – CONFERENCE ROOM 225

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KEITH REGAN AS COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT  
OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAII

Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, of the State of Hawaii.

I have worked besides Keith on numerous community service projects through the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu. Keith is the current club president, and I am a past president. His heart has always been in public and community service. He is not hesitant to roll up his sleeves to get the job done. We have pruned and excavated shrubs and trees, moved dusty boxes from church basements, passed out water at the aid station for the Honolulu Marathon, and many other community projects. I have known him to be an honest man and a man of his word. If you are looking for a person with experience and integrity, then Keith is the right person for this position.

Prior to his move from Maui to Oahu, Keith served as the Managing Director for the County of Maui for nearly 10 years and Finance Director for two years. In these roles, he more than capably managed the County of Maui, dealing with a wide variety of issues--similar of the issues that the State Comptroller is responsible for--such as information technology, accounting, automotive management, central surveys, and public works. He has also served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) where he managed the day-to-day operations of the HTA which included general administration, finance, budget, procurement, legislative, emergency management, security, information technology, and the convention center.

Keith has been actively involved in numerous nonprofits and boards, in various capacities, including the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Boy Scouts of America (Aloha Council & Maui), Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, State Board of Public Accountancy, American Heart Association of Maui, Kiwanis Club, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation.

He is truly passionate about public service and the betterment of our community. This is evidenced by him being recognized as the Pacific Business News 2001 Young Community Leader of the Year, Kiwanis Past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of the Year, and very first male president of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui. He is an alumnus of the Pacific Century Fellows Program and was honored as the Pacific Business News Young Businessperson of the Year in 2001.

I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



TESTIMONY OF SCOTT T. MURAKAMI  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

on GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 520

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00pm Conference Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH REGAN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

Chairperson McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 520 regarding the appointment of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I **strongly support** his nomination.

As the former Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) I've had the honor of knowing and working with Keith Regan since 2019 during his tenure as the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Chief Administrative Officer. During the uncertain times of COVID-19, Keith worked collaboratively with our DLIR team to set up workstations, address numerous technology and logistical issues, coordinate meals, and provide security measures that ensured safe working conditions for the 600+ public workers, legislators, and legislative staff who selflessly stepped forward to process Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims or operate the Hawaii based call centers at the Hawaii Convention Center. Keith's leadership, operational expertise, and collaboration contributed to over 190,000<sup>i</sup> Hawaii residents filing initial UI claims between the months of April and May of 2020.

During the COVID-19 crisis, I visited the Convention Center twice a day. Keith was always there working behinds the scenes to ensure smooth operations and the safety of everyone at the convention center. When his schedule allowed, he also stepped forward to process claims. Keith's skills, character, and dedication to serving our public allowed us to mobilize and safely accommodate an unprecedented movement of volunteers to address the degradation of the antiquated UI system.

I would like to thank Keith for his leadership, support, and dedication to the welfare of our community during the COVID-19 crisis and I **wholeheartedly support** his gubernatorial nomination to serve as our Comptroller for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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<sup>i</sup> [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Data, Employment & Training Administration \(ETA\) - U.S. Department of Labor \(doleta.gov\)](https://www.dola.hawaii.gov/unemployment-insurance-weekly-claims-data), March 1, 2023

**TESTIMONY BY JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA  
REGARDING**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 520 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION AS THE COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND  
GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FOR TERM TO EXPIRE  
DECEMBER 7, 2026.**

**Senate Committee on Government Operations  
March 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
Room 225 & Teleconference**

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I have known Keith Regan for over 15 years and worked with him on various initiatives during his time as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. As Chief Administrative Officer, I found Mr. Regan to be passionate, hardworking and knowledgeable. Mr. Regan has also been incredibly supportive and helpful to me as I transitioned into my new job. Mr. Regan's years of work experience at the city and state levels of government provides him the ability to take on the role as Comptroller.

Approving Mr. Regan's nomination as the Comptroller will provide proven leadership and experience for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

**Micah K. Alameda Sr.**

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**March 8, 2023**

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Testimony in Support of G.M. 520**

Aloha e Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

I am writing in strong support of G.M. 520, Keith Regan, as the next Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I have known Keith professionally for the better part of the last four years.

Mr. Regan and I first met during our time at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. He is direct, competent, thorough, and a calm and well-reasoned person by nature. Even in complex situations, he can rationally and reasonably work through them and find a remedy. I am very confident Mr. Regan will make an excellent Comptroller, and the opportunity to have a candidate like him should not be passed up.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony in strong support of G.M. 520. I am happy to answer any questions.

Na'u me ka 'oia'i'o,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. K. Alameda Sr.', written in a cursive style.

Micah K. Alameda Sr.

Testimony of  
CHRIS J. SADAYASU  
to the  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of  
GM 520

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Mr. Regan has the proven leadership experience and academic credentials to serve as the Comptroller for the State. I worked with Mr. Regan for a number of years and respect him as a highly responsible and analytical leader with the ability to resolve issues and create efficiencies. With his experience as Managing Director for the County of Maui, Chief Administrative Officer at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and Business Management Officer at the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs, just to name a few, he will continue to be an asset as he serves the people of Hawai'i.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for Mr. Regan's confirmation as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. I look forward to collaborating with him to achieve our departments' respective missions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 11:43:58 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laci Goshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of GM 520 appointing Keith Regan as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. I've worked with Mr. Regan for a number of years and believe that he will continue to be an asset to the State in this position. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

I stand in support of Governor Green's nomination of Mr. Keith Regan to serve as the Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I work for DAGS but am testifying in my personal capacity.

I have had the liberty to work with Keith for the last several months since he has taken the role of interim Comptroller. Keith has exhibited many attributes to serve state government well. He is a hard worker and has made himself available to his staff and brings a wealth of knowledge from his extensive background with state and county government. Keeping the best interests in mind for the State of Hawaii, Keith will serve and perpetuate the long-standing status of DAGS going forward.

I respectfully ask your committee to confirm Keith's appointment and thank you for your consideration to my testimony.

Date: March 8, 2023

To: Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 – Confirmation of Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations. My name is Michael Wun and I am testifying in strong support of the confirmation of Keith Regan to serve as comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside Keith in his role at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) when he served as the Business Management Officer. His years of past experience in different levels of government, handling diverse and complicated issues, combined with his ability to quickly analyze complex issues, allowed him to identify and address numerous challenges while he served at the DCCA. Within a few weeks of his arrival here, he developed and implemented strategies to help solve significant issues such as vacancies, facility maintenance, budgetary, and operational procedures that ultimately had a positive impact on our office.

He was always fair and open in the way he worked with his team. He made time to listen to everyone's issues, concerns, and suggestions. He sought our input and feedback before making changes which helped make all of us feel like we had a voice in the future of our operation. This was a welcome change for everyone and really helped boost morale.

When we heard the news that he was asked to join DAGS as the acting comptroller, we were disheartened but we also knew he would help make positive changes that would ultimately benefit us at the DCCA and all State departments. We are already seeing his impact at DAGS as it relates to the direction related to our building (King Kalakaua Building) and the support we are receiving from the DAGS team for the other functions we rely on such as accounting and maintenance.

As I said before, his past experience, combined with his educational background, has prepared him well to serve as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. It is for the reasons I mentioned above that I strongly support his confirmation and I ask each of you to vote in support of his confirmation.

Michael Wun  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 2:09:06 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anthony Benabese	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members:

I strongly support G.M. 520. Keith Regan's background and experience makes him a very strong candidate to serve as State Comptroller. My professional work experience with Keith has taught me that his collaborative leadership approach and character is an asset to the department and would move the department of accounting and general services forward. I humbly request that you support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure.



**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 11:20:31 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

322 Kealahou Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

March 7, 2023

RE: Keith Regan, Comptroller – Hearing on Thursday, March 9, 3:00 p.m.

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to SUPPORT the confirmation of Keith Regan as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. We have known Keith for over a decade on a personal, and social level. He is a hardworking, ethical, and straight-talking servant of the community. He is a natural leader and decision-maker, yet he also listens to and is respectful of others' opinions. He has demonstrated his commitment to the State of Hawaii by serving in various capacities in both Honolulu and Maui. His ability to work well with others is a huge asset to the State. The community is lucky to have leaders such as Keith Regan.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Keith Regan as Comptroller.

Frank Yi (individual)

Jodi Yi (individual)

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 2:50:30 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lee Leonard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Keith A. Regan as the nominee for Comptroller of the State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Mr. Regan has extensive experience with legislative work and public relations and has served the community in varying degrees and capacities over many years. I have witnessed firsthand his willingness and determined spirit as he strives every day to improve our state system by opening communication across departments, divisions, agencies, and counties to best address past and current issues DAGS continues to face. His wealth of skill, knowledge, and experience will be a tremendous asset, not only to DAGS but to the entire state.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 2:56:59 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynda Camarao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

I would like to offer my strong support for Keith Regan's nomination as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii under GM 520.

I have seen how well Keith works with DAGS' administrators, staff, other State departments and businesses. Keith is open to everyone and takes the time to really listen to what others are saying but he will also make his own decision on any issues brought before him. He does his research and homework and so any decision he makes is well-informed and knowledgeable.

Keith also brings with him a wealth of experience in fiscal and administrative matters. He will make a valuable contribution to the Department and in turn for the well-being of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for allowing me to submit my testimony and for your time and consideration.

JOSH GREEN  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



KENNETH S. HARA  
MAJOR GENERAL  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
KA 'AKUKANA KENELALA

STEPHEN F. LOGAN  
BRIGADIER GENERAL  
DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL  
KA HOPE 'AKUKANA KENELALA

**LATE**

STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
**KA 'OIHANA PILI KAUA**  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
3949 DIAMOND HEAD ROAD  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96816-4495

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 520,  
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KEITH REGAN

PRESENTATION TO  
THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA  
ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
DIRECTOR OF HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,  
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

MARCH 8, 2023

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Operations.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii.

I respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT of GM520**, relating to the Gubernatorial Nomination of Keith Regan, Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Mr. Regan extensive public service record speaks for itself, and he has been a beacon of leadership in Hawaii for nearly 27 years. He has served in multiple positions of increased responsibility at senior levels in both the County and State government, and he possesses broad technical knowledge and expertise in government operations. Mr. Regan experience in policy development, procurement, strategic planning, human resources, legislative coordination, budget and resource management, emergency management and community relations make him ideally suited to be the State's Comptroller for DAGS. He is a decorated public servant who consistently is labeled as a team player, and who also has executive level experience as a CEO and president in

the private sector. Mr. Regan will provide balanced and measured leadership required to direct one of the state's most diverse, complex, and important departments.

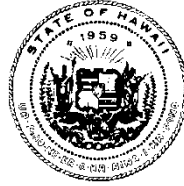
Mr. Regan also cares deeply about his communities and volunteer's countless hours of his time to non-profit organizations. He has dedicated much of his professional life to public service and has continuously excelled the most challenging and difficult positions in local government at the operational and strategic levels. The state would be lucky to have him on the team.

It would be an absolute honor to serve with Mr. Regan and I am confident he will be a pillar to help lead our state into the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

MG Kenneth S. Hara: [kenneth.s.hara@hawaii.gov](mailto:kenneth.s.hara@hawaii.gov); 808-672-1001.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR



HAKIM OUANSAFI  
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BARBARA E. ARASHIRO  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

**LATE**

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director**  
**Hawaii Public Housing Authority**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**GM 520**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE COMPTROLLER,**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**KEITH REGAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.**

Honorable Chair McKelvey, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 520, to consider and confirm Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Keith for many years, and I am honored to be working alongside with him in Governor Green's Administration. He is an integral part of a team that is committed to addressing the many issues facing our State and I believe that he will be able to effectively fulfill his role through his life experiences and professional expertise.

There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to bring a fresh perspective on how to deliver services, improve the experience of those we serve, and strive to maximize taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

The HPHA urges the Committee to pass GM 520 and confirm Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

**HERMAN ANDAYA**  
**125 E. Kanamele Lp.**  
**Wailuku, HI 96793**

**LATE**

8 March 2023

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
415 South Beretania Street, Rm 225  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of Governor's Message 520, Appointment of Keith Regan as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee Government Operations:

It is with tremendous pleasure and honor that I offer this testimony in SUPPORT of GM 520, requesting the confirmation of Keith Regan to the position of Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

I have known Mr. Regan for over 20 years where I have had the honor of serving side by side with Mr. Regan during our tenure at the County of Maui. At the County, Mr. Regan served as the Director of the Department of Finance and later as Managing Director where he served with distinction in both positions. During Mr. Regan's tenure at the County, I served alongside him as the Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and later as Mayor Alan Arakawa's Chief of Staff, where Mr. Regan demonstrated his leadership skills on many different levels. From handling personnel matters of a County of over 2,500 employees, to assisting the Mayor in formulating strategies and visions for the County, to managing the day to day operations of Maui's largest employer, Mr. Regan has proven himself to be a tremendous manager, a visionary, a problem solver and most importantly, a people's person. He has on many occasions served as the "Acting Mayor" of the County of Maui during the Mayor's absence, where he has exhibited confidence and competency in performing his duties.



Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 520 - Keith Regan

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Mr. Regan is highly regarded among government officials and members of our community because of his intelligence, his professional demeanor and dedication of public service. His most outstanding attribute is his ability to bring people together, facilitate discussions and create solutions.

Through his experiences in various positions, Mr. Regan has developed a deep appreciation for government processes while seeking the most efficient and cost-effective means to provide services. It is a quality which he will certainly employ at the Department of Accounting and General Services.

The State of Hawaii would benefit tremendously by Keith Regan's management experiences, his leadership and understanding of his fiduciary duties. For these reasons, I humbly ask that you confirm Keith Regan as comptroller.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important nomination.

Respectfully,

  
Herman Andaya  
Administrator



**LATE**

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March 9, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 520.** Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 9, 2023  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 225

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA is in **support** of GM 520, which submits for consideration and confirmation as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH REGAN, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Mr. Regan has demonstrated a history of being an outstanding public servant. His experience in state and county government provides the necessary background to lead the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for considering out testimony in support.

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Testimony of  
**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Chief Operating Officer, Mahi Pono, LLC

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

**In support of  
Governor's Message 520**

Good afternoon, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

I strongly support Governor's Message 520, the appointment and confirmation of Keith Regan as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Keith has served in many positions of increased responsibility and authority in county and state government since 2004. In those roles, he has demonstrated an effective leadership and management ability that has benefited the organizations he has led and, more importantly, increased the positive impact on the communities these organizations were created to serve.

He serves not only as an integral part of the new administration, but he will serve Hawaii well. His experience and knowledge will benefit the department and the State.

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



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM  
ASSOCIATION



Testimony of  
Mufi Hannemann  
President & CEO  
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Governor's Message 520  
March 9, 2023

Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest and oldest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—strongly supports Governor's Message 520 and the appointment of Mr. Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller in the Department of Accounting & General Services.

I have known Mr. Regan in a professional capacity for many years and can only speak highly of his experience and his capabilities. He has an exemplary record of public service and has excelled in various roles at both the State and county levels.

Most recently, I worked closely with Mr. Regan in his capacity as chief administrative officer for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, with our organizations partnering on multiple programs and initiatives that had positive impacts on our local communities. Moreover, we worked closely throughout the pandemic, serving as hubs of information for both the government and the private sector.

On the county level, Mr. Regan previously served as Maui County's managing director, acquitting himself well as the county's second-ranking public official. He executed his responsibilities there with both efficiency and wisdom.

I have also known Mr. Regan and his wife Lynn, on a personal basis as they were both members of the Pacific Century Fellows, a leadership development training program that I founded that has produced such public service stalwarts, like U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, Governor David Ige, and the late U.S. Congressman Mark Takai, and Mayor Billy Kenoi.

We are confident that his experience and knowledge suit him well to serve as comptroller. For this reason and those listed above, we feel that Mr. Regan is the right person for the job and urge the committee and the Senate to confirm him.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**Ryan Anderson-Teshima**  
**ryanteshima@gmail.com**

March 8, 2023



The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President  
And Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Re: Measure GM 520**  
**Confirmation of Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting**  
**and General Services**

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

I respectfully write as a private citizen in wholehearted support of Keith Regan's appointment as Comptroller for the Department of Accounting and General Services. Based on my experience, I truly believe that Mr. Regan's appointment is best for the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Keith ever since I first moved back to Maui in 2008, as we are familiar with each other's families. I first worked with Keith while he was serving as the Managing Director for the County of Maui and I was a Deputy Corporation Counsel. In this capacity, we worked together on several legal issues facing the Department of Management and the County of Maui. I also had the pleasure of serving alongside of Keith as members of the Board of Directors and District Committee for the Boy Scouts of America, Maui County Council.

In knowing and working with Keith, I have seen first-hand his love and devotion to public service. This dedication to public service is evident in his resume, first as Director of Finance for the County of Maui, serving two separate periods as Managing Director, and his recent positions with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. In all of these positions, Keith has excelled and accomplished a tremendous amount.

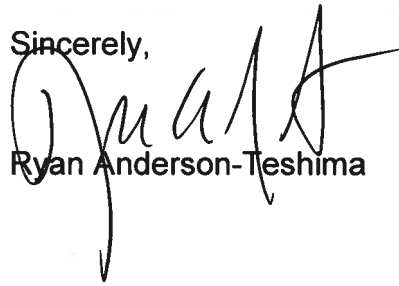
However, there is no greater example of Keith's accomplishments than his family: his wife Lynn and son Riley. To say Keith and his family are active and contributing members of the community is an understatement. The Regan family's activities include golf, taiko drumming, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, Japanese dance, just to name a few. From my experience and knowledge with Keith, this drive to

be active in the community is rooted in the same values that his devotion to public service comes from.

Finally, Keith and his family come from the island of Maui, and I believe this "outer island" perspective is essential and invaluable to Governor Green's cabinet. I truly believe that his love for public service, his devotion to his family and his Maui roots show that Keith will always have the best interests of the people of the State of Hawai'i as his highest priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ryan Anderson-Teshima

**LATE**

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 4:17:33 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Barsatan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 - Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Eric Barsatan, a business owner and leader in the Filipino community, and I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Keith Regan since 2003 when we became part of Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa's Administration. Keith's executive leadership is by far the most effective and results oriented I've seen in all the years in my professional career, bar none. His education, training and experiences makes him more than qualified to get the job done but it's the people skills that he has I think is his greatest gift and strenght. He has the ability to build strong teams and influence them to produce extraordinary results. He is able to look at any situation and strategically comes up with solutions that actually works and can be proven.

Keith served as the Managing Director for the County of Maui for nearly 10 years and Finance Director for 2 years, and he was exceptionally successful. In these roles, he faced similar issues that the State Comptroller is responsible for.

Keith also served as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) where he managed the day-to-day operations of the HTA which included general

administration, finance, budget, procurement, emergency management, security, information technology, and the convention center.

Keith has received countless of awards, recognitions and accolades for his professional work as well as his involvement with the community. He is a true public servant. Keith is well-known for his professional achievements and impact in improving communities but he remains humble and down to earth. He makes time to meet and collaborate with anyone for the greater good.

I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.



**LATE**

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/9/2023 8:09:29 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jayson Watts	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good afternoon, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

I write to share my support for Keith Regan's appointment and confirmation as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Aloha,

Jayson Watts

Tiffany Iida  
1740 West Kuiaha Road  
Haiku, HI 96708  
808-276-5444



The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 - Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tiffany Iida, and I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services ("DAGS"), of the State of Hawaii.

I have had the honor of knowing Keith both personally and professionally for more than 20 years and I can honestly and personally say that he has dedicated his life to serving people, through the positions he has held at the County of Maui and at the State of Hawaii. Keith's passion of giving back is not just a broad service of the community, but also more intimately in wanting to help those in need, which is evident through his service with various community organizations such as Kiwanis, the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, and Boy Scouts of America.

Having worked alongside Keith at the County of Maui, I observed his ability to expertly work through broad, complex, and challenging issues in his role there. These included resolving community concerns, launching construction projects, initiating and completing investigations, navigating human resource issues, introducing new programs to streamline government processes, and coordinating emergency management responses to name a few. The knowledge and experience he gained through his education and diverse background allowed him to have a positive impact on the teams he led and the people he has served both here on Maui and Oahu.

I also admired the fact that he made time for those that needed help, wanted to express a concern, or just wanted to share an idea. He maintained an open-door policy at the County and had regular brown bag lunches that all employees were welcome to attend. It was a great opportunity for County employees to comfortably and informally connect with the Managing Director. This idea of open door and inclusiveness for the County of Maui led Keith to initiate various contests and programs to allow every

employee of the County of Maui to participate. He even started the County's health and wellness program to encourage fellow County employees to eat healthy and exercise.

Keith graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master of Public Administration and has an MBA from the University of Phoenix. During his time with the county, he was accepted into and completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State & Local Government program.

Keith has also been very involved in the community. His service as a Kiwanian spans two decades and included many leadership roles such as President and Lt. Governor for Division 22 (State of Hawaii). As a Kiwanian, he helped to support programs and projects that focused on improving the lives of children and youth in our community. He has also been involved with and served in leadership roles for the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Boy Scouts of America (Aloha Council & Maui), Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, State Board of Public Accountancy, American Heart Association of Maui, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation

After moving from Maui to Oahu Keith served as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) where he managed the day-to-day operations of the HTA which included general administration, finance, budget, procurement, legislative, emergency management, security, information technology, and the convention center.

Keith's time and service as the Managing Director for the County of Maui for nearly 10 years and Finance Director for 2 years proved his capability to manage the County of Maui, multi-task and deal with a wide variety of issues similar to that of the State Comptroller who is responsible for issues as information technology, accounting, automotive management, central surveys, and public works.

He is truly passionate about public service and the betterment of our community. This is evidenced by him being recognized as the Pacific Business News 2001 Young Community Leader of the Year, Kiwanis Past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of the Year, and very first male president of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui. He is an alumnus of the Pacific Century Fellows Program and was honored as the Pacific Business News Young Businessperson of the Year in 2001.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support Keith Regan to serve as Comptroller for the State of Hawaii and I humbly ask that this committee vote in support of his confirmation to this position.

During the over 20 years of knowing Keith, I have been able to personally witness him give his heart to not only those around us, but to everyone he meets and serves. He and his family are always providing service, helping those in need and have a true desire to see everyone succeed. He is able to lead with compassion, yet able to

get those around him to work harder and smarter. He understands the value of hard work and moral standards.

My family and I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Iida". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Tiffany Iida

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**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/9/2023 8:35:49 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kimi Yuen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations--

It is my sincere honor to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Keith Regan as Comptroller for the State of Hawai'i Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Regan while he was the Managing Director of the County of Maui as well as Chief Administrative Officer at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. He is extremely diligent and holds the highest ethical standards and is one of the hardest working people I know. He is dedicated to serving his community and the people of Hawai'i, and as a manager supports his staff in achieving their highest potential. He has a depth of knowledge in public policy, finance, and accounting and works collaboratively to solve problems. Mr. Regan will be an absolute asset in serving the State of Hawai'i in this important role as Comptroller for DAGS. I whole-heartedly support his nomination.

Mahalo nui for your consideration!

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 3/9/2023 9:06:19 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joy Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of GM520. I have been friends with Keith and his family for several years and can attest that he is a hard worker that truly cares about his community. Keith has been involved with the Kiwanis Club, an international service organization, for many years and is currently the President of the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu.

in addition, his extensive work experience in leadership positions in government will serve him well as Comptroller.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joy Kimura

**LATE**

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/8/2023 3:02:37 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caroline Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Government Regulations,

I am writing in support of GM 520 for Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan to serve as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services. I worked with Mr. Regan when he was the Chief Administrative Officer for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) from December 2018 through August 2022. I am grateful for his contributions to the HTA and ensuring that our agency remained in compliance with our policies and procedures. He always looked out for the best interest of our agency, and as my supervisor, I felt he was always supportive in my endeavors. With Mr. Regan's wealth of knowledge and vast experience, he will be an effective Comptroller for the State of Hawai'i.

Aloha,

Caroline Anderson

**LATE**

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 3/9/2023 11:38:21 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keriann Osada	Testifying for Boy Scouts of America Troop 325	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As Committee Chair for the Boy Scouts of America Iolani Troop 325, I highly support the confirmation of Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services. Keith has volunteered to be our troop treasurer for the past 3 years and it has been a pleasure to working with him. He organized our finances in a much more organized way than ever before. He reports on spending and income in a clear and concise manner. He prepares our budget by working collaboratively with other troop adult leaders. He found technology to help improve our collection and reporting of money. Most of all, Keith is a pleasure to work with, a leader, and a good example for the rest of our committee, scoutmasters and scouts. He exhibits high moral standards, professionalism, knowledge and compassion. I highly support the confirmation of Keith Regan. Thank you for your consideration. Keriann Osada



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Submitted on: 3/9/2023 1:25:15 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/9/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathryn Ellwanger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair

Senate Committee on Government Operations

RE: GM 520 - Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Keith Regan as Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you, Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee for all of the hard work and diligence you put forth each and every day.

My name is Kathryn Ellwanger, and I am respectfully writing in strong support of GM520 to confirm Keith Regan as the Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”), of the State of Hawaii.

My husband and I have known Keith Regan for almost four years now. We met as parents at Iolani with both of our sons attending high school there. During this period, we have participated and volunteered in Iolani school activities together. We have become friends on a personal level. Within this time shared together, I have seen a great amount of good in Keith.

I see a good man in Keith.

I see an upstanding, hard-working, committed family man. Keith cares very much for his family, his profession, and his community. I see him as an even-keeled gentleman sustaining good interaction with his friendships and relationships with people.

I see interest in his actions.

Keith possesses a true service heart. This is seen in his participation with many local service organizations. Whether this be in Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, or in helping with school projects at Iolani, he is there to assist. He chooses to place himself in the providing of service to others. I also see him enjoying the service that he provides. I get the sense that his service brings him personal satisfaction in the job done. There is purpose in his commitment.

Keith is married to a wonderfully supportive, most competent wife, Lynn. Lynn, equally possesses a beautiful, committed service heart. You will often find these two involved in tandem, volunteering together. It's in their actions that you see their genuine desire together to serve our community. This is also reflected in their upbringing and chosen actions of their son who also possesses the valued ethics of involvement and the desire to serve others.

I see him lead.

Keith provides leadership. In our school setting, both Keith and his wife have stepped up to serve our school's grade level class families. They were our grade-level support and point-of-contact at Iolani as we were new parents to the school, coming from out-of-state. Both he and his wife, Lynn, coordinated many family activities to bring grade-level families together. Connection is important. This coordination is voluntary. We all lead hectic lives, yet both Keith and Lynn put in many hours dedicating themselves to our school community.

This is also evidence by his involvement as Kiwanis Past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of the Year, the very first male president of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, alumnus of the Pacific Century Fellows Program and as the honoree as the Pacific Business News Young Businessperson of the Year in 2001.

I believe that Keith has the education and the proper background to serve effectively as the State Comptroller. He has the qualifications of skill and experience with previous experience as

Maui's Managing Director, Maui's Finance Director, and as CAO for Hawaii Tourism Authority. This is exemplified as honoree of Pacific Business News' Young Business Person of the Year in 2001 and the Pacific Business News' Forty Under Forty Awards in 2001.

All in all, my family and I respectfully feel that Keith Regan will make a fine Comptroller for the State of Hawaii. I believe he has the qualifications for the task and will put forth the necessary work and commitment with this responsibility.

It is my hope that you will confirm him for this position.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill.

With fond regard,

Kathryn Ellwanger

(March 09, 2023)

TESTIMONY OF  
KEITH A. REGAN

TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023, 3:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GM520

Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate's Committee on Government Operations. Thank you for the opportunity to be before you to share additional insight.

The committee is in receipt of my resume which details my diverse work experience, community service, and organizations that I've been involved with over the years. I consider myself to be fortunate to have found a career path that is not only employment but, more importantly, my passion. The ability to serve the public, to help make a difference, to positively change lives is what drives and energizes me every day.

My extensive work at the County of Maui and the State of Hawai'i have provided me with a solid foundation and the opportunity to serve which I have taken very seriously. It is through the programs, projects, plans, and actions that we have collectively made a difference in our community. I use the term "we" because, in public service, you must have the ability to bring people together to overcome challenges that may initially appear to be insurmountable, but become solvable when working collaboratively.

Throughout my career, I have taken the approach of being an open, collaborative, and thoughtful leader. I have made myself accessible to those I serve within the organization and to those I serve externally. I am a firm believer in the golden rule —treating others the way you would want to be treated. I have learned that by putting yourself into the other person's shoes, changing your perspective to see the world and issue through their eyes, and being willing to set aside predispositions have allowed me to navigate extremely challenging and sometimes competing needs.

Since joining DAGS in December, we have developed and embraced our mission and vision and committed ourselves to:

- Improve operational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Embrace new ways of thinking and strategies to overcome challenges.
- Modernize our systems, processes, and procedures.
- Support our team and invest in their growth.
- Focus on customer service and meeting the needs of those we serve.
- Shape and guide DAGS into becoming the best department in the State.

Our focus has been, and will continue to be, on establishing short, medium and long term goals with the proper measurements to ensure we are moving in the right direction. Our priority areas of focus will be on:

- Addressing the department's significant vacancies; and,
- Tackle the ever-increasing deferred maintenance backlog; and,
- Reinvigorating and moving the Enterprise Financial System and Enterprise Resource Planning System forward; and,
- Building a "customer focused" team and culture; and,
- Enhance our Capitol District and State Capitol Campus; and,
- Improving and enhancing our communications; and,
- Providing the necessary support for our neighbor island district offices; and,
- Conducting process reviews, implementing process improvements, and investing in our people through training; and,
- Reducing our dependency on leased office space; and,
- Enhancing our existing facilities and grounds.

We will continue to place our focus and attention on these areas, but we will not limit ourselves to what has been listed here. We are committed to embracing a philosophy of continuous improvement and, as such, we will regularly revisit these priority areas of focus. This will include our commitment to working collaboratively with this committee to ensure that we are meeting your needs and expectations of us.

If I am provided the opportunity to serve you in this role as Comptroller, my goal will be to change perceptions, improve our operations, and shape DAGS into one of the best departments in the State. I

will work tirelessly, alongside our team here at DAGS, to move us forward in the right direction. I am committed to utilizing the experiences, skills, and knowledge I've gained throughout the 16 years of public service to overcome the many challenges ahead.

I humbly ask for your support in this role of Comptroller and I am appreciative for the opportunity to be before you this afternoon. Mahalo to the many testifiers that came out to support my confirmation. Mahalo to my loving wife and family for supporting me in my passion for service. Mahalo to Governor Green for providing this opportunity. Mahalo to you Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members for your consideration.