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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

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RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, amends Section 127A-12, HRS, to set reporting requirements for the Governor for the transfer of contributions or grants received through the exercising of emergency management powers and make other non-substantive amendments.

While B&F supports improving government transparency, B&F notes that the proposed reporting requirements may be onerous to completely adhere to during a crisis and may interfere with the State's ability to efficiently respond to it. B&F is amenable to working with the Legislature to develop reporting processes for transfers via emergency management powers that would not require a statutory amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.