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**Testimony of**  
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**Before the Senate Committee on**  
**WAYS AND MEANS**

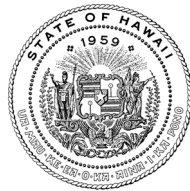
**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 211, and Videoconference**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE BILL 2652**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Senate Bill 2652 proposes to amend Section 37-71, subsection (a) and Section 37-72, subsection (a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to expand items that may be contained in the State budget. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill and offers comments.**

This bill amends the contents required to be submitted with the State budget. The Department has no objection to the amendments proposed by the bill, with the understanding that the Department will be informed and given enough time to respond to any action affecting the Department.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2652

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RELATING TO THE BUDGET

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

Senate Bill No. 2652 amends Section 37-71(a), HRS, and Section 37-72, HRS, to add a provision that the Executive Biennium Budget and Executive Supplemental Budget, respectively, may contain information under Section 26-5(a)(2)(A), HRS.

Section 26-5(a)(2)(A) specifies that the Director of Human Resources Development has the authority to reclassify and abolish vacant positions within State departments and agencies that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Resources Development, subject to the condition that prior to reclassifying or abolishing any vacant position, the Director shall submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to each regular session. The report shall include a list of vacant positions for reclassification or abolishment, identify the agency each position is attached to, provide reasons for reclassifying or abolishing the position, and state the duration that the position has been vacant.

B&F would like to point out that similar information is currently being requested in the format for budget testimony by the Senate and House money committees. It is not clear what additional information the Legislature wants displayed in the Executive's formal budget document that is not being provided in detailed testimony.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.