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S.B. 2772

RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2772 which establishes a uniform building permit working group to study the feasibility of creating a single statewide building permit application package and uniform review and approval process for building permits that can be used by all counties.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** S.B. 2772. DAGS is often faced with significant delays directly related to the permitting process. A statewide building permit application package with a uniform review and approval process for building permits used by all counties would reduce confusion, standardize paperwork, enhance efficiency, and streamline the building permit review and approval process.

In addition, we would humbly request that the working group include representatives of Hawaii's professional planning and design, construction, and lending communities for whom the establishment of a statewide building permit application package could have far-reaching impacts and whose related critical input into the challenges and complexities faced when attempting to navigate the permitting process across the State may be valuable to the development of a statewide building permit application package. To that end, we humbly suggest section (1)(c) be amended as follows:

(6) The county engineer of the Department of Public Works of the County of Kauai, or the county engineer's designee;

(7) The director of the Department of Public Works of the County of Hawai'i, or the director's designee;

“(8) The president of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Planning Association, or the president's designee;

(9) The president of the Hawaii State Council of the American Institute of Architects, or the president's designee;

(10) The chair of the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies, or the chair's designee; and

(11) the executive director of the Hawaii Bankers Association or the executive director's designee.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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S.B. 2772 — RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO wishes to provide comments S.B. 2772, which establishes a Uniform Building Permit Working Group to study the feasibility of creating a single statewide building permit application package and uniform review and approval process for building permits that can be used by all counties.

We represent most employees within the respective counties permitting departments, including Building Plans Examiners and Building Plans Engineers, among others. We understand the intent of the measure is to bring stakeholders together, however, as the exclusive representative for most employees involved in the permitting process, we believe that it is logical and fair to be included as a stakeholder in this group. **Therefore, we respectfully request that the HGEA be included in this working group.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on S.B. 2772.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director