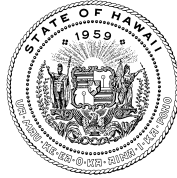


JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



KEITH A. REGAN
COMPTROLLER
KA LUNA HO'OMALU HANA LAULĀ

MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
KA HOPE LUNA HO'OMALU HANA LAULĀ

STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES | KA 'OIHANA LOIHELU A LAWELAWE LAULĀ
P.O. BOX 119, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024, 3:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.R. 94 and S.C.R. 112

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL OFFICES AT THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL.

Chairs McKelvey and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Richards, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.R. 94 and S.C.R. 112.

S. R. 94 and S. C. R. 112 requests that the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) develop a comprehensive recycling program, with specific focus on the collection of HI-5 recyclable items, to be implemented in all offices at the Hawaii State Capitol. DAGS **supports** the intent of S.R. 94 and S.C.R. 112 in the establishment of a comprehensive recycling program at the State Capitol Building

(SCB) and we will continue to do our best to promote it. However, a recycling program has the following concerns to be considered:

- The prior recycling program in the Capitol District was discontinued due to budget restrictions. A solicitation to procure a new recycling contractor to supplement the State refuse pickup will be required. The prior Capitol District recycling contract was approximately \$90,000/year. Maintenance work would be need to be deferred in order to fund this contract with the current program's budget.

Recyclable items must be separated properly by our custodial staff. Our custodial staff would be left with less time to perform their primary custodial essential duties. The department supports funding this measure as long as it does not adversely impact priorities identified in the executive supplemental budget request for FY 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.