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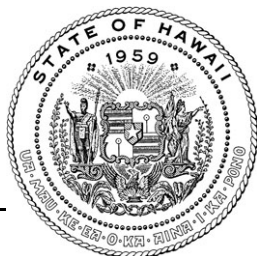
Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Thursday, April 6, 2023, 10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
in consideration of
House Bill No. 989, HD1
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and provide comments on House Bill No. 989, HD1 relating to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism ("Department"). The Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA) **strongly supports** this bill which makes an appropriation to authorize general funds for expenses related to building renovations.

Due to health and safety concerns and deteriorating conditions, plans are in place to completely gut the entire fifth floor of the No. 1 Capitol District Building beginning May 2023. While the renovation contract under the Department of Accounting and General Services includes all renovation related expenses, it does not include relocation expenses (e.g., shredding, moving, and storage), nor does it include the replacement of unstable, fully depreciated and damaged workstations. This bill provides much needed funds outside of building renovations for project completion.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and provide comments in support of House Bill No. 989, HD1.



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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports HB989, HD1 an Administration Bill, that provides an appropriation of \$660,000 in general funds for DBEDT to pay for expenses related to building renovations of its offices located on the fifth floor of No.1 Capitol District Building, located at 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed House Bill No. 1600, H.D.1, S.D.1, C.D.1, which appropriated funds received by the State from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$660,000. However, Governor Ige line-item vetoed that amount to comply with the federally mandated Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Maintenance of Effort requirement.

The funds requested in this bill will be used to pay for expenses not included in the Department of Accounting and General Services' (DAGS) contract for renovations to the building infrastructure. These expenses include relocation, decluttering, moving and storage costs, and the replacement of partitions.

A breakdown of the expenses is as follows:

Boxes, shredding, other related expenses	\$ 22,000
Moving services and related expenses	\$100,000
Temporary office rent and relocation expenses	\$ 50,000
Storage	\$ 80,000
Partitions and furniture	\$408,000
Total Estimate	<u>\$660,000</u>

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.