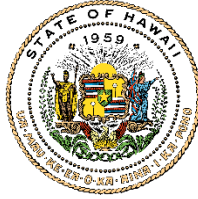


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Before the Senate Committees on
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Thursday, February 15, 2024
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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2867
RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF LAND

Senate Bill 2867 proposes to temporarily transfer certain lands in West Maui to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department notes that most of the parcels named in this measure are under the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation for Lahaina Small Boat Harbor. We understand that the intent of this bill is to provide DAGS with increased oversight over the parcels to support the rebuilding of Lahaina. The Department notes that a viable, alternative option to conveying title is for the affected departments to enter into an interagency agreement through which DAGS would manage the parcels for the purpose of supporting the rebuilding effort.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

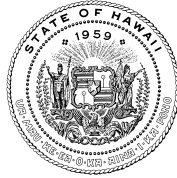
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S.B. 2867

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF LAND

Chairs Inouye and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Elefante and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2867.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers **comments** on S.B. 2867, which temporarily transfers certain lands in West Maui to DAGS. The department appreciates the intent of this measure and looks forward to working with all stakeholders to rebuild West Maui.

DAGS offers the following comments:

- Tax Map Keys listed include properties owned by other state departments which include the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Department of Education (DOE).

- The intent of this legislation can be accomplished much more quickly using a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DAGS and DLNR/other agencies. Transferring the title of a property would require the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources followed by approval by the Governor. A MOU would be negotiated, drafted, and signed by DAGS and the owner agency.
- The transfer of title to the boat harbor from DLNR to DAGS may impact the use of the boating special fund to make improvements to the harbor.
- DOE has its own team that specializes in building schools and may not require DAGS assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-2867

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Comments:

Does not provide any reasoning for such a transfer