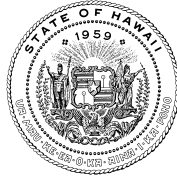


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RELATING TO STATE NAMING COMMISSION

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 372.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers **comments** on the proposed measure to establish an Advisory Commission in the Department of Accounting and General Services to propose names or a change of names for state buildings, parks, facilities, and events. After reviewing this proposed legislation, we have a number of questions and concerns for the committee's consideration.

It is our understanding that certain departments may already have policies and procedures in place for the naming of facilities under their control. We believe this measure would benefit from clarifying if all facilities, regardless of department and/or

branch of state government, would be required to submit their request(s) through the newly created commission. Ensuring there is a clear path for the naming and/or renaming of facilities of all state facilities would allow the commission and the public improved understanding of the commission's authority and purpose.

We also believe that additional statutory guidance be inserted to provide guidelines and criteria that the Advisory Commission would rely on as part of the overall process would be beneficial. We would suggest that language be inserted that would set parameters such as establishing that all buildings follow a theme, such as being named after ali'i or after native flowers, as examples.

Finally, we recommend that this commission be established as an attached agency with funding and resources to support this commission. The proposed measure requires that DAGS provide staff, necessary clerical support, and to cover the costs associated with the operation of the commission such as travel. We do not have sufficient resources to cover these additional expenses and would ask that the committee consider including these as part of the overall proposal. Our preliminary estimates on the resources needed would be one additional secretary position in our Public Works Division and \$100,000 for the first year with an understanding that we may need to reevaluate the overall needs as the commission functions moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.