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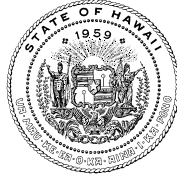
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Comments:

I am testifying virtually on behalf of Comptroller Keith Regan who submitted written testimony but will not be in attendance.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND ARTS

APRIL 11, 2025, 10:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 309 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.C.R.169, S.D. 1

REQUESTING THE STATE ARCHIVES TO EXPAND PUBLIC OUTREACH, SHARE HAWAII'S HISTORY THAT MAY PROVE RELEVANT TODAY, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND EVALUATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION.

Chair Kapela, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.C.R. 169, S.D. 1

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this measure and offers the following comments:

- 1) As keepers of public memory, the State Archives has been actively collecting Hawai'i's history since 1905 and has amassed a significant treasure trove of documentary history dating back to before the formation of the Kingdom of Hawai'i. Many of these treasures lie dormant in the Archives' vault awaiting researchers to breathe life back into these voices of the past.

- 2) While the Archives has always welcomed and served researchers who come to the facility or search for record's online, they have lacked the resources needed to proactively educate the public regarding carefully curated historical records from its holdings that are relevant to contemporary issues and topics around the history, society, cultures, and the laws of Hawai'i. Providing this direct call to action will enable the Archives to develop timely and relevant educational sessions and supplementary materials through hosting speaker series, academic lectures, and other similar outreach events, supplementing these educational opportunities with digitized primary source documents.
- 3) As with most memory institutions across the globe, Archives' funding is often a limiter to expanding the dissemination of knowledge and providing direct user experience with the documentary heritage of Hawai'i. We welcome the opportunity to find ways to create additional revenue streams to offset the cost of providing increased services and outreach opportunities to the public.
- 4) Understanding revenue opportunities in a new facility will greatly aid the Archives in determining the most appropriate, sustainable course forward in programming opportunities, outreach efforts, enhanced archival services, facility size, and staffing levels should such a facility be approved.

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