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In consideration of
Senate Bill No. 500, SD1
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Inouye, and committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on **Senate Bill 500 SD1** which expands the duties and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor to manage and oversee public tours of the state capitol, manage vacancies on boards and commissions, process applications to serve on boards and commissions, and any other applicable administrative duties.

Currently, the Office of the Governor holds boards and commissions responsibilities in Hawai'i as well as the governor's offices of the other forty-nine states. Boards and commissions play an integral role in shaping policy for Hawai'i. As the policy lead for the Executive Branch, the Governor should continue to oversee the boards and commission's process to align nominees with the Governor's vision and initiatives. Boards such as the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the Board of Education set policy that impact our largest economic driver and the future of our keiki.

The Governor's website (governor.hawaii.gov) provides a link to (board.hawaii.gov) which posts a list of vacancies managed by the Office of the Governor. The website is periodically updated to reflect current vacancies and is up to date as of February 13, 2019.

The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are currently working together on a strategy for how to collaborate more effectively. The Lieutenant Governor attends weekly Cabinet meetings to address policy matters, that can include nominees for boards and commissions. The Governor appreciates Lieutenant Governor Green taking on chronic homelessness, opioid addiction and addressing doctor shortages.



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We appreciate your attention and will be available to answer your questions, should you have any at this time.





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Relating to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor – Senate Bill 500 SD 1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 500 SD 1 which expands the duties and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor to include managing and overseeing public tours of the state capitol, managing vacancies on boards and commissions, processing applications to serve on boards and commissions, and any other applicable administrative duties.

Since the restoration of the Aha Moku Process by the Legislature in 2012, via Act 288, §171.4-5, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) has successfully brought the voices of the communities and 'ohana of ahupua'a districts forward to work with Hawai'i government in addressing and sustaining the natural and cultural resources of our Pae'Aina.

As the policy lead of the Executive Branch, the Governor oversees the boards and commissions. These entities assist in bringing a large scope of perspectives to a board or commission, which in turn, greatly helps to balance the needs of the people with the needs of government. We believe this whole area of responsibility, including the maintenance and publication of a list of vacancies on state boards and commissions should stay with the Governor. This ensures continuity and accuracy. It makes no sense to keep the list of vacancies in an office other than the Governor's Office when the Governor himself must nominate persons to those very boards and commissions.

We are aware that all boards and commissions are subject to the sunshine law, and thus must post their meeting agendas with the Lt. Governor's office. This ensures that both Executive Offices are aware of the activities of the boards and commissions that serve the State of Hawaii and creates a sense of balance between the two offices. The AMAC is secure in working with the Governor, and through him, the Lt. Governor.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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