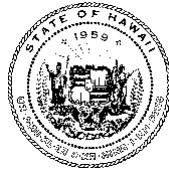


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S.B. 1015, S.D. 2

RELATING TO THE COMPTROLLER.

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Eli, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of S.B. 1015, S.D.2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has recognized that teleworking during the pandemic has resulted in some significant successes, and we have already begun the process of re-assessing space needs and leasing decisions for the post-pandemic future in DAGS-managed facilities. Progress has been slower than desired because of increased vacancies and defunded positions. We believe in this initiative to better utilize office space and will work with programs to determine their workplace requirements balanced against teleworking practices.

DAGS appreciates this initial legislative support for our efforts, and we look forward to expanded financial support to ensure our positions continue to be funded for expedited filling of our current and future anticipated vacancies, and to fund both consultant services to develop

teleworking infrastructure requirements and program relocation costs necessary to implement lease consolidation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.