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RELATING TO THE ACCESS HAWAI'I COMMITTEE

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2505, H.D.1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill because it will enable the Access Hawai'i Committee to exercise the provision in the Access Hawai'i portal manager contract that assesses the contractor a monthly fee to cover the Access Hawai'i' Committee's administrative and operational overhead costs. Without this special fund, the committee cannot collect the fees allowed by the contract, and the committee's oversight of portal activities is not as effective as it can be.

This bill will have no effect on the State's general fund budget. The moneys will come from the portal manager as specified by the contract. The enhanced oversight of the portal that this will allow the committee to exercise will result in the public gaining improved access to governmental information and services. It will also allow the

participating state and county departments and agencies to increase adoption of their online services for the public.

DAGS recommends that a sum not to exceed \$200,000 be appropriated for the fund. The Access Hawai'i committee will not collect this amount annually but will instead only collect fees that would be available without adversely affecting the financial viability of the portal manager. However, if and when collections under the portal manager's contract allow, funds up to the appropriated amount can be productively used to improve the provision of service over the Internet to the State's citizens. DAGS also recommends that the effective date of this bill be changed to July 1, 2010.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.