# SB 1287

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# TESTIMONY OF BRUCE A. COPPA, COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ON February 9, 2010

S.B. 1287

### RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1287.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports and recommends passage of S.B. 1287. We introduced this bill as a means to implement Act 200, SLH 2010, which called for establishment of a full time chief information officer (CIO), development and implementation of an information technology strategic plan, and creation of the shared services technology special fund.

Our proposed implementation approach for Act 200 entails two phases. The first can be viewed as the planning phase. During this phase, the CIO will focus on strategic actions to include the completion of the Information Technology Strategic Plan (the Plan) with the assistance of the Information Technology Steering Committee and will remain in the Governor's

Office. The Plan will become the State's technology vision and serve as the road map to implement the vision. More specifically, the Plan will become the basis for the long term statewide technology transformation, operational organizational structure for the CIO and consolidated IT staff, and the required technology budget.

The proposed bill would establish 3% (approximately \$1.2M) of all monies collected via special funds (pursuant to section 36-27, HRS) not specifically excluded to go toward the shared services technology special fund. This percentage will provide for salaries of the CIO and support staff, made up of relatively senior level, exempt IT staff, during this planning phase and will be revised when the Plan is approved and sufficient fidelity is available to determine the longer term percentage required to fund Plan implementation. This 3% will be augmented by a grant from a philanthropic organization to ensure we can start this initiative at the earliest possible date.

The second phase of implementing Act 200 will be the implementation phase of the Plan. Commencing on or about July 1, 2013, the organizational placement in the Executive Branch and operational structure for the CIO will be finalized and include consolidation of IT staff as required by the Plan. This will be finalized through the budget bill for the 2013-2015 biennium budget and legislation to address reorganization requirements in the 2013 legislative session.

At this time, we would like to recommend the following changes to S. B. 1287 based on additional information we received from the AG's office, B&F and key legislators.

1) Retain SECTION 1.(a) from its original form and not strike out the CIO responsibility over the information and communication services division (ICSD) of DAGS. While the CIO will likely not assume responsibility over ICSD until the implementation or

- second phase, Act 200 does not need to be modified since the ultimate objective will be to have ICSD under the CIO.
- 2) Add SECTION 1.(a).(6) to provide language to make the CIO's key staff members be exempt from chapters 76, 78 and 89. This will allow necessary flexibility on selecting these critical positions and establishing their compensation.
- 3) Revising SECTION 1.(c) to move administration of the shared services technology special fund from B&F to DAGS to streamline the process of receiving and expending funds.
- 4) Removing SECTION 1.(c) dollar amount of \$1.0M for the shared services technology special fund and replacing it with 3% under SECTION 2.(b). The 3%, approximately \$1.2M, will fund salaries, equipment and to a much lesser degree consulting within the CIO's office during the planning phase.
- 5) Adding back SECTION 2 from Act 200 which was inadvertently removed from S.B. 1287. SECTION 2 covers Section 36-27 HRS amendments for funding the shared services technology special fund.
- 6) Retaining SECTION 4 language that established an effective date of July 1, 2011 and eliminate reference to any sunset date (currently listed as June 30, 2013 in S.B. 1287). The sunset date was originally established to coincide with the end of the planning phase, but is unnecessary since the same bill can flow from planning phase to implementation phase as written.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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### **TESTIMONY**

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Department of Information Technology
City and County of Honolulu
before the

## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

on

Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:15 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of SB 1287, RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

As the Director of the Department of Information Technology for the City and County of Honolulu, I support SB 1287 with the recommendation that all information technology entities within the State, including the Information and Communications Services Division of the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the IT Operations of the Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Health, Department of Human Resources Development, Department of Taxation, Department of Human Services, Department of Transportation, to name a few, be consolidated under the Chief Information Officer.

Such consolidation should not only include staff, but the respective technology and technology budgets of said agencies. Experience has shown that the City and County of Honolulu was able to save millions of taxpayer dollars, and deploy numerous technologies that improved productivity and public safety through an enterprise wide, centralized model. In addition, the City and County of Honolulu has a disaster recovery site, something that the State needs as identified in a recent audit.

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
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The Audit of the State of Hawaii's Information Technology Report No. 09-08, March 2009, specifically notes the following:

"Because of this heavy reliance on technology, it is critical that the State's IT operations remain uninterrupted in the normal business environment and that services can be quickly reestablished in the case of catastrophic failure."

"We found the CIO focuses on the operation and maintenance of the State's network infrastructure and data center instead of statewide IT governance." This state-wide governance is pivotal for success and supports consolidation.

"The continued absence of an alternate data center in the State's IT infrastructure is emblematic of the State's mismanagement of its IT resources." Another justification of the centralized, enterprise-wide model.

I encourage the legislators and their staff to read the audit of March 2009. It contains key and pivotal information that can be used to improve the delivery of technology services while saving the State millions of dollars in return. To quote the audit once more..."Defining and delineating clear duties between centralized versus department responsibilities is a necessary first step. Finding the right balance between centralized and decentralized management of IT will be a challenge."

Good things do not come easy; however, the City and County of Honolulu 's model demonstrates the substantial cost savings realized by centralizing IT management.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to support the intent of SB 1287.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director and Chief Information Officer



February 7, 2011

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair Committee on Economic Development and Technology State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairperson Fukunaga & Committee Members:

SB 1287 – Relating to Information Technology

Hawaii Community Foundation supports SB 1287, Relating to Information Technology.

The state's current infrastructure and 21<sup>st</sup> century IT needs have been overlooked and postponed for much too long. To meet today's needs as well to avoid tomorrow's perilous consequences, prompt attention is required.

SB1287 is a critically needed step for state government to achieve cost and work efficiencies as well as greater effectiveness in serving the needs of Hawaii's people.

We know these are tough times that demand shared sacrifice and tough financial decisions from everyone, but we also believe this initiative is essential to rebuilding Hawaii's economy for the future and one which state government can ill afford to postpone any longer. The long term consequences and recovery costs to the state will be far greater than any appropriation you could approve today, and therefore, we urge your full support of SB 1278.

Sincerely yours,

Kelvin Taketa President & CEO