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## In consideration of SENATE BILL 2157 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO REDESIGN THE REFLECTING POOLS

Senate Bill 2157 proposes to provide an appropriation to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to conduct a study of various alternatives for the rehabilitation and renovation of the state Capitol reflecting pools. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that this appropriation does not adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

The Hawaii State Capitol is listed in the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places and located in the heart of the Capitol Historic District. It is architecturally significant building among all of the Nation's Capitol buildings. Since its completion in March 1969, the state Capitol reflecting pools have faced increasing maintenance challenges, including leakage and structural damage due to a deterioration of waterproofing and a significant compromise to the fresh water source, resulting in brackish water within the existing reflecting pool.

The Department looks forward to working with DAGS and the Capitol Management Committee in evaluating alternative design solutions to address these issues while serving as a resource to ensure that such alternatives are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the rehabilitation of historic properties.