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TO: Chair Angus McKelvey  
Vice Chair Mike Gabbard  
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor

RE: Testimony for S.B. 699 – Relating to State Capitol Tours

DATE: February 2, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to **provide comments on S.B. 699** which requires the Lieutenant Governor to administer and facilitate a Hawaii State Capitol Tours Program.

While we strongly support the creation of a Hawaii State Capitol Tours Program that includes virtual, in-person, and self-guided walking tours, we believe this function is currently and appropriately housed in the Office of the Governor. If the Legislature proceeds with a statutory requirement that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor administer and facilitate the State Capitol tours, we respectfully request the following resources to successfully fulfill programmatic needs:

- two (2) additional FTE to coordinate and provide tours, of which one (1) FTE is fluent in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i to ensure both official languages of the State of Hawaii are spoken
- funding to procure, clean, operate, and maintain individual audio systems for self-guided tours
- funding and support to produce tour materials and signage in foreign languages

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on S.B. 669.