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**Location:** CR 225 & Videoconference  
**Committee:** Senate Government  
Operations

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2288 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires any travel report submitted by a state employee, officer, or other representative of any state department or agency, including the Judiciary and University of Hawaii, in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, to be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website. Requires any personally identifiable information to be redacted from the published report. Appropriates moneys.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) respectfully offers comments on SB 2288 to require state employees, officers, and other representatives of the State of Hawaii to provide public access to travel reports when traveling on official state business.

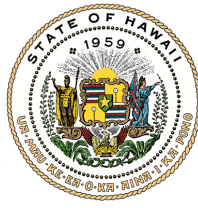
While the Department is supportive of transparency and accountability, it is unclear if the intent is to report same-day and overnight trip intra-state travel where airfare is involved, or if all personal automobile mileage claims and travel involving other types of transportation costs such as ferry or ground transport are to be reported.

Additionally, clarity in defining "other representative" would be beneficial, as students and chaperones often travel related to the Department's educational and co-curricular programs, such as for academic or athletic competitions.

In addition, given the current "travel report" forms and processes in place to document approvals, travel-related expenses, and activities and benefits associated with the travel, there would be significant costs associated with manually redacting these documents to ensure all personally identifiable information is kept private from published information.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2288

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT

Before the Senate Committee on Government Operations

Tuesday, February 6, 2024; 3:10 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference

Testifiers: Michael Vincent, or Jared Redulla

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) submits the following comments and recommendations on Senate Bill 2288.

This bill requires any travel report submitted in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, to be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website.

The DLE is concerned that there is no law enforcement exemption for operational travel such as custody transport, fugitive details, law enforcement operations, and other travel where disclosing the details of the travel will compromise law enforcement operations, tactics, procedures, or safety. Training and other non-operational related travel should be included.

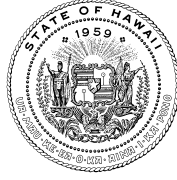
DLE is recommending that the proposed language in SECTION 2 of the bill be amended to read:

"§40- **Travel reports; official state business; public access.** Any travel report submitted by a state employee, officer, or other representative of any state department or agency, including the judiciary and university of Hawaii, in connection with out-of-state or

intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, shall be made available for public review on the comptroller's website; provided that any personally identifiable information shall be kept private and redacted from the published report. For purpose of this section, law enforcement operations related travel need only identify the date, points of departure and arrival, and a statement that the travel is for law enforcement operations. Additionally, a state law enforcement agency may delay reporting for law enforcement operations related travel until after either an investigation or a prosecution is completed, if in the judgement of the law enforcement agency, delayed reporting is necessary to protect the confidentiality of an investigation or prosecution."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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TO THE  
**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

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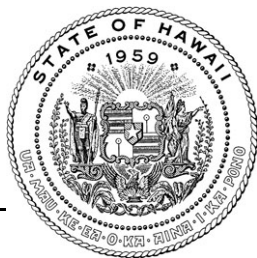
Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2288.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** this bill requiring reports of out-of-state and intra-state travel by state employees, officers, or other representatives to be made available for public review. DAGS is supportive of a government that is open and transparent and, as such, we support the intent of the measure to make travel reports accessible for public review.

The State of Hawaii's Open Data portal ([opendata.hawaii.gov](https://opendata.hawaii.gov)), which provides a convenient tool to enhance open government, transparency, and accountability by improving

access to data, is an appropriate site for the reporting of travel data. The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) provides the platform as an enterprise shared service and can assist with department user access and training. We look forward to working with ETS to develop the appropriate dataset and means for departments to upload travel data to the portal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this matter.



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Statement of  
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before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**

Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
3:10 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of  
**SB2288**  
**RELATING TO GOVERNMENT**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** SB2288 which requires any travel report submitted by a state employee, officer, or other representative of any state department or agency, in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, to be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website and requires any personally identifiable information to be redacted from the published report.

DBEDT agrees that business travel reports should be made available to the public so Departments are transparent, showing accountability and that they are good stewards of public tax dollars. Travel reports should include the state benefits and knowledge gained as a result of the trip, while ensuring that this information is easily accessible by others in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure.

**SB-2288**

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Comments:

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