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Statement of  
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

2:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of

**HB989**

**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM.**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports HB989, an Administration Bill, that provides an appropriation of \$660,000 in general funds for DBEDT to pay for expenses related to building renovations of its offices located on the fifth floor of No.1 Capitol District Building, located at 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed House Bill No. 1600, H.D.1, S.D.1, C.D.1, which appropriated funds received by the State from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$660,000. However, Governor Ige line-item vetoed that amount to comply with the federally mandated Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Maintenance of Effort requirement.

The funds requested in this bill will be used to pay for expenses not included in the Department of Accounting and General Services' (DAGS) contract for renovations to the building infrastructure. These expenses include relocation, decluttering, moving and storage costs, and the replacement of partitions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**Testimony of**  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
in consideration of  
**House Bill No. 989**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,**  
**AND TOURISM**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and provide comments on House Bill No. 989, relating to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism ("Department"). The Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA) **strongly supports** this bill which makes an appropriation to authorize general funds for expenses related to building renovations.

Due to health and safety concerns and deteriorating conditions, plans are in place to completely gut the entire fifth floor of the No. 1 Capitol District Building beginning May 2023. While the renovation contract under the Department of Accounting and General Services includes all renovation related expenses, it does not include relocation expenses (e.g., shredding, moving, and storage), nor does it include the replacement of unstable, fully depreciated and damaged workstations. This bill provides much needed funds outside of building renovations for project completion.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and provide comments in support of House Bill No. 989.