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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 299

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RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED SUBMISSIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 299 proposes to authorize the Legislature to prescribe the form of the budget requests of the Executive Branch, the Judicial Branch, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Regarding the proposed budget requests for the Executive Branch, this bill amends Section 37-71, The Budget; Section 37-72, Supplemental Budget; and Section 37-92, Proposed General Fund Appropriations; Executive Branch; Judicial Branch of the HRS to provide the authority to the Legislature to set the form of the biennium and supplemental budget requests.

Currently, the formats of the Executive Branch's biennium and supplemental budget requests to the Legislature are specified by Sections 37-71, 37-72, and 37-92, HRS. These budget requests are compiled using reports that were explicitly developed to meet the numerous statutory requirements. Many of these reports are generated off

the State's mainframe and B&F's budget eSystems; thus, changes to these reports may require substantial amounts of time to reprogram.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.