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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 576, SD1.

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), 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.