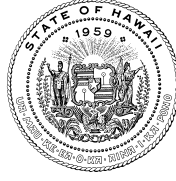


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RELATING TO THE CONVERSION OF POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2828.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent and offer comments on S.B. 2828, which requires DAGS to convert vacant Engineer (Buildings) V positions to Project Manager II positions and requires that the salaries of the converted positions be comparable to Project Manager II class, SR-26.

DAGS appreciates the recognition of our engineer recruitment challenges and our interest in exploring different and innovative ways of providing the resources needed to support our public works projects. As noted at our budget briefing, we have begun the process of

identifying the positions suitable for conversion and would contribute to the overall effective operation of our programs. This position variance action can be done administratively and would not require adjustment in the supplemental budget bill to reflect the position changes. As such, the intent of this measure can be accomplished without legislation for the department to effectuate the conversion of vacant engineer positions to project managers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.