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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

OF

## KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE ON

## **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S. R. 34 / S. C. R. 46

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.R. 34 and S.C.R. 46.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** S.R. 34 and S.C.R. 46 which requests that DAGS establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawai'i First Responders Memorial. We would be honored to help lead this important effort to lay the foundation for a memorial that would recognize the selfless sacrifices made by our first responders in service to our community. The working group will submit a report to the legislature by November 30, 2024, which will include preliminary plans, findings, recommendations, projected costs, and recommendations for legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.