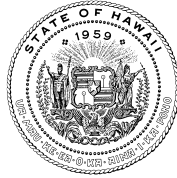


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S.C.R. 177 / S.R. 172

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO CONVENE A COOPERATIVE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS STATE
PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE COUNTY PERMITTING.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee, thank you
for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.C.R. 177 / S.R. 172.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** this
resolution convening a cooperative working group to address state projects that require
county permitting.

There has been significant interest in this subject area for several years, and
convening a working group to proactively address the issues surrounding county
permitting of state projects will be useful. However, the department is concerned that
this measure does not identify funding to support convening of the working group and to
report on the group's deliberations. Without such funding, the department's efforts to

support and participate in the working group will necessarily divert limited resources from accomplishing the department's statutory responsibilities. Therefore, the department requests that the measure recommend an independent source of funding to provide that support.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.