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TESTIMONY BY SETH S. COLBY, Ph.D.  
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TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2452

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RELATING TO STATE BONDS.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports House Bill No. 2452 which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance project appropriations contained in Acts of the Legislature for which the means of funding are designated as general obligation bond funds or reimbursable general obligation bond funds. The bill also provides a declaration of findings with respect to such authorizations as mandated by the State Constitution.

Article VII, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires that as of July 1, 1980, the Legislature shall include a declaration of findings in every general law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. The declaration of findings must state that the total amount of principal and interest, estimated for such bonds and for all bonds authorized and unissued and calculated for all bonds issued and outstanding, will not cause the State debt limit to be exceeded at the time of issuance.

As in previous years, our staff is available to assist the Legislature in refining and completing this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.