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OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

APRIL 7, 2026, 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2811, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2811, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers its testimony in **support** of S.B. 2811, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, which will establish the State Building Permit Process Task Force to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to establish a state building permit review office for state projects located on state-owned lands.

DAGS notes that the current draft of Senate Bill 2811, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, does not identify a chair for the proposed State Building Permit Process Task Force. The

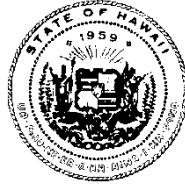
Department respectfully recommends that the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, be designated as the chair to ensure effective leadership and facilitation of the task force's work.

In addition, the measure does not currently include funding for the consultant services necessary to guide the task force through the complex analysis and development of recommendations. Based on prior procurement and consultant contract experience, the Department estimates that the cost for a qualified consultant to support this effort would be approximately **\$350,000**.

DAGS respectfully requests that the effective date of this measure be amended to 'upon approval' to ensure timely implementation of the measure and to allow the Department to begin necessary administrative actions without delay.

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

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Statement of the
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the
House Committee on Finance

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
2:00 PM – Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SB 2811, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS

Honorable Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports this measure which establishes, and appropriates funds for, the State Building Permit Process Task Force to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to establish a State Building Permit Review Office for state projects located on state-owned lands.

HPHA looks forward to continuing to work with the Legislature, DAGS, and all stakeholders to address Hawaii's housing challenges and views this measure as an important part of a broader coordinated solution. HPHA stands ready to participate constructively in this effort and looks at this measure as an opportunity to be part of the overall solution needed to address all housing related issues in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your continued commitment to meeting Hawaii's housing needs.





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Statement of
CRAIG K. NAKAMOTO
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SB 2811, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS.

Chairperson Todd, Vice Chairperson Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports SB 2811, SD2, HD1**, which establishes a task force within the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to create a state building permit review office only for state projects on state land. It appropriates funds, and sunsets on June 30, 2028.

By way of background, HCDA is developing four affordable housing projects within its Kaka'ako Community Development District and may, in the future, undertake similar projects outside of its designated community development districts.

Building permit review and approval is one of the many regulatory hurdles in real estate development. When the state, either directly or through qualified developers, undertakes projects that benefit the state, including building affordable housing, delays in the existing county permitting process can result in increased costs and postponed delivery of much-needed public facilities and housing.

This measure would convene a task force to examine whether a centralized state building permit office within DAGS could improve efficiency for state projects on state lands. Such an office has the potential to expedite permit review and approvals while

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providing a single point of responsibility and accountability for state projects on state lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.