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H.B. NO. 2611

A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Capitol.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the facilities and grounds of the Hawaii state capitol hold a unique and special place in the hearts of the citizens of this State. Known as one of the most publicly accessible state capitols in the nation, its unique, welcoming architecture symbolizes Hawaii's spirit of aloha and island community and is the place where the State's constitutionally-established democratic process is exercised.

In recognition of the historic significance of the Hawaii state capitol and the democratic processes that often necessitate extended hours of access to and operation of the capitol building, the legislature finds that a separate financing and governance structure should be established to ensure that the facilities and grounds of the Hawaii state capitol are secure, properly maintained, and operated in a manner that meets the needs and expectations of the general public.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a state capitol management committee to oversee the financing and governance of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities.

SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§6E- State capitol; state capitol management committee; established; oversight and management; powers and duties. (a) The oversight and management of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities shall be vested in the state capitol management committee established pursuant to this section.

(b) There is established the state capitol management committee, which shall be composed of the following members or their respective designees:

- (1) The governor's chief of staff;
- (2) The comptroller;

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- (3) The director of public safety;
- (4) Two members of the senate as appointed by the president of the senate;
- (5) Two members of the house of representatives as appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (6) A legislative officer of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and
- (7) A legislative officer of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

provided that for members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (6) and (7), "legislative officer" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in section 88-21.

The chairperson of the state capitol management committee shall be elected by the committee members. The department of accounting and general services shall provide administrative support to the state capitol management committee; provided that the committee shall also receive fiscal analysis support from the department of budget and finance as the committee deems appropriate.

(c) The state capitol management committee shall meet at times and places as specified by a call of the chairperson or a majority of the committee; provided that the committee shall meet not less than four times per calendar year. The state capitol management committee shall prescribe rules, which shall not be subject to chapter 91, for its own management and governance. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the committee.

(d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the state capitol management committee, the respective appointing authority shall fill the vacancy within fourteen days.

(e) Members of the state capitol management committee shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their duties.

(f) The state capitol management committee shall:

- (1) Approve all policies and procedures relating to the general operation and management of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities, including parking, building access, building operation hours, and general security policies;
- (2) Develop and recommend to the legislature capital improvement, programmatic, and operational priorities that require fiscal resources to maintain and enhance the appearance and operation of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities;
- (3) Review and authorize the repair and maintenance schedule for the state capitol, its grounds and facilities, and any other capital improvement projects relating to the upkeep, renovation, restoration, use, and maintenance of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities; and
- (4) Review and authorize, but not execute, the expenditure of any moneys appropriated to and allocated by the department of budget and finance, accounting and general services, or public safety for the state capitol and its grounds and facilities."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 16, 2014.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.