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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
CURT T. OTAGURO, STATE COMPTROLLER  
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TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 3:05 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016 AND VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 762

RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.

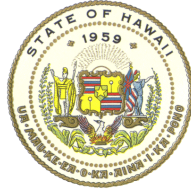
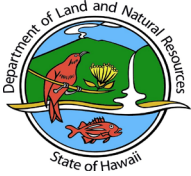
Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 762.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments that may improve security protection at the State Capitol. The DAGS realizes that today's work environment has changed dramatically since 1969. The concepts and cultural mannerisms have evolved as world events have unfortunately changed the intensity and need to implement more restrictions and security screenings at public facilities.

Public safety is everyone's responsibility. We look forward to the Department of Public Safety's leadership as they continue to fulfill their mission to implement and enforce a unified security strategy that will balance employee and facility security as well as public accessibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
3:05 PM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 762  
RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES**

Senate Bill 762 proposes to require the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the State Capitol and surrounding grounds and amend provisions regarding the internal governance of the State Capitol Management Committee. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers comments.**

Senate Bill 762 requires DAGS in consultation with the Legislature and any agencies responsible for security at the State Capitol and Washington Place, to develop and implement an enhanced security plan that: (1) enhances security at the State Capitol; and (2) ensures safety at the State Capitol while preserving public access.

SECTION 4 of Senate Bill 762 proposes to amend Section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that the State Capitol Management Committee be co-chaired by a member of the House appointed by the Speaker and a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. The Department supports these provisions.

Senate Bill 762 rightly acknowledges that the State Capitol building is a monument to our pride in our state government, and to the commitment to open access to the officials of that government. The State Capitol is listed in the National and Hawaii registers of historic places and is a central feature of the designated Hawaii Capitol historic district. Senate Bill 762 recognizes the importance of protecting the iconic character of the Capitol itself and as a contributing feature of the Hawaii Capitol Historic District. Given the historic significance of the State Capitol, the Department recommends that Senate Bill 762 be amended to by including the State Historic Preservation Officer or their designee, to the State Capitol Management Committee to ensure that preservation of the historic character of the State Capitol is fully considered during planning for the security upgrades at the State Capitol.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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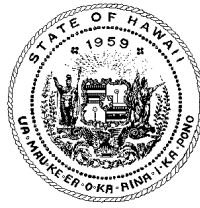
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 762  
RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.**

By

Max N. Otani, Director

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 16, 2021; 3:05 p.m.  
Via Video Conference

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) offers comments on Senate Bill (SB) 762, which would require the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the State Capitol and surrounding grounds.

PSD fully recognizes the increased threats to government facilities and our dedicated employees. The Department supports this measure and pledges to work cooperatively with DAGS to develop and implement an updated security plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Statement Before The  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

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Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

in consideration of

**SB 762**

**RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL FACILITIES.**

Chair MROIWAKI, Vice Chair DELA CRUZ, and Members of the Senate Government Operations Committee

Common Cause Hawaii provides comments on SB 762, which (1) requires the department of accounting and general services to develop and implement an enhanced security plan for the state capitol and surrounding grounds and (2) amends provisions regarding the internal governance of the state capitol management committee.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization focused on upholding the core values of American democracy through increasing civic engagement and breaking down the barriers to participation in our government.

Common Cause Hawaii acknowledges the great fear that has pervaded this nation and great distrust in the institutions of government that has taken hold of the citizenry, even in Hawaii. Common Cause Hawaii wants our elected officials and government employees and those who visit our government institutions to be safe.

Common Cause Hawaii especially wants our government institutions to be a welcoming place, an open place. We cannot have an open government, welcoming of different viewpoints, beliefs, and people, if it is not accessible to the public and closed off from the people. A government fearful of its people cannot represent the people. Our Capitol must continue to be the "People's House". Otherwise, the distrust, cynicism and contempt for our government will grow, leading to less civic engagement and civic civility.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 762. If you have questions of me, please contact me at [sma@commoncause.org](mailto:sma@commoncause.org).

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma  
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii