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TESTIMONY
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE
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H.B. 2505

RELATING TO THE ACCESS HAWAI'I COMMITTEE

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2505.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill because it will enable the Access Hawai'i Committee to exercise the provision in the Access Hawai'i portal manager contract that assesses the contractor a monthly fee to cover the Access Hawai'i' Committee's administrative and operational overhead costs. Without this special fund, the committee cannot collect the fees allowed by the contract, and the committee's oversight of portal activities is not as effective as it can be.

This bill will have no effect on the State's general fund budget. The moneys will come from the portal manager as specified by the contract.

The enhanced oversight of the portal that this will allow the committee to exercise will result in the public gaining improved access to governmental information and

services. It will also allow the participating state and county departments and agencies to increase adoption of their online services for the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.