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SB 2990, SD1 – RELATING TO ALOHA STADIUM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

SB 2990, SD1 requires the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to hire an independent third party to conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost benefits of placing Aloha Stadium under the jurisdiction of the University of Hawai'i rather than DAGS.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has from the inception of the stadium been responsible for the stadium's construction, operations, maintenance, promotion and management. Accordingly, the University believes that given the diversity and broad scope of stadium users, it is appropriate that DAGS continues to be the appropriate oversight agency for the stadium. Therefore, we agree that this study should be conducted by and paid for from funds managed by DAGS.

Thank you for your continued support of the University and consideration of our comments.