#### **STATE OF HAWAI'I**

# DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES REPORT ON THE PLAN TO DECREASE COSTS OF UTILITIES

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The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) submits this report as required by <u>Act 230, SLH 2024 (Section 5.1)</u>.

Since 2009, the Central Services Division within DAGS has been engaging with Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) to implement energy efficiency upgrades throughout DAGS managed State facilities, which includes lighting system improvements, upgrading air conditioning, elevators, generators, and irrigation systems. The savings from reducing utility costs is used to pay for the building efficiency upgrades. ESPCs reduced our utility dependance by 1/3 of electricity consumption.

The Central Services Division also continues to identify energy efficient projects per the requirements of Act 96, SLH 2006, which mandates and focuses the State's efforts on energy efficiency, conservation, and energy alternatives. These initiatives include replacing building air conditioning equipment with high efficiency units, implementing electric lawnmowers to replace gasoline powered lawnmowers, swapping out fluorescents for LEDs, and minimizing irrigation leakage.

The Central Services Division plans to utilize the recently released Energy Services Contractors vendor list to solicit and engage with another energy saving performance contractor to leverage advancements in the lighting, air conditioning and building management technologies.