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**COMPTROLLER'S MEMORANDUM NO. 2014-22**

TO: Heads of Departments and Agencies Occupying DAGS Buildings

FROM: Dean H. Seki, Comptroller 

SUBJECT: Prohibiting E-Cigarettes in DAGS Buildings Statewide

Effective November 16, 2006, Act 295, the Hawaii Smoke-Free Workplace and Public Places Law, prohibited the smoking of tobacco products in places open to the public and places of employment. While the Act did not specifically address the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other electronic smoking devices, there is a growing concern that the vapors emitted by e-cigarettes may contain harmful elements. Based on various tests that have been conducted, it has been determined that the various samples tested contained not only nicotine, but also detectable levels of known carcinogens and toxic chemicals, including tobacco-specific nitrosamines and diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze.

Prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in areas where smoking is now prohibited by law will reduce perception on the part of employees and the general public that the use of e-cigarettes is healthy behavior. Furthermore, any negative impact on employee productivity will be diminished by reducing any distractions resulting in the use of e-cigarettes in the workplace.

As such, effective October 1, 2014, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) will prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices in all buildings under its jurisdiction. Areas included in this prohibition shall include, but not be limited to offices, public lobbies, lanais, interior courtyards, patios, covered walkways, and within a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve enclosed or partially enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited.

Signage similar to "No Smoking" signs will be posted in appropriate areas to inform users of this policy, which shall apply to the following DAGS buildings:

Island of Oahu:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. State Capitol                   | 12. Kam V Building             |
| 2. Kalanimoku Building             | 13. O R & L Building           |
| 3. Liliuokalani Building           | 14. Central Services Base Yard |
| 4. Kinau Hale                      | 15. Surplus Properties         |
| 5. Leiopapa a Kamehameha Building  | 16. Archives Records Center    |
| 6. No. 1 Capitol District Building | 17. Kaneohe Civic Center       |
| 7. Keoni Ana Building              | 18. Wahiawa Civic Center       |
| 8. Kekauluohi Building             | 19. Waipahu Civic Center       |
| 9. Hale Auhau Building             | 20. Kakuhihewa Building        |
| 10. Kekuaaoa Building              | 21. King Kalakaua Building     |
| 11. Keelikolani Building           | 22. Washington Place Museum    |

Island of Kauai:

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| 1. Lihue State Office Building | 5. DAGS Puhi Office Building      |
| 2. Lihue Health Center         | 6. DAGS Puhi Maintenance Building |
| 3. Lihue Health Center Annex   | 7. Plant Industry Building        |
| 4. Lihue Courthouse            | 8. Vector Control Building        |

Island of Maui:

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| 1. Kahului Civic Center          | 4. Wailuku State Office Building No. 2 |
| 2. DAGS Facility, Mua Street     | 5. Kaunakakai State Office Building    |
| 3. Wailuku State Office Building |  |

Island of Hawaii:

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| 1. Hilo State Office Building       | 8. Honokaa State Office Building No. 1 |
| 2. DAGS Hilo Maintenance Facility   | 9. Honokaa State Office Building No. 2 |
| 3. Kona State Office Building No. 1 | 10. DAGS Honokaa Maintenance Facility  |
| 4. Kona State Office Building No. 2 | 11. Keakealani Office Building         |
| 5. Kona State Office Building No. 3 | 12. Kohala State Office Building       |
| 6. DAGS Kona Maintenance Facility   | 13. Naalehu State Office Building      |
| 7. DAGS Ka'u Maintenance Facility   | 14. Waimea State Office Building       |

If you have any questions, on Oahu, call James Hisano, Central Services Manager at 831-6734; on the Island of Hawaii, call Jerry Watanabe, District Engineer at 974-6400; on Kauai, call Eric Agena, District Engineer at 274-3030; and on Maui, call Wade Shimabukuro, District Engineer at 877-3305.