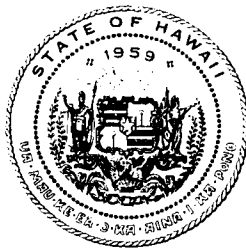


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DEPT. COMM. NO. 8

The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Study of Printing Products and Services Utilized, Contracted, and Subcontracted by Hawaii State Government*.

We found that most of Hawaii state government's printing needs are satisfied in-state, but that the cost of in-house printing is not routinely captured. Additionally, we found that state agencies appear to be in compliance with printing preference requirements of the state procurement code, but the basis and need for the printing preferences is not evident. Finally, we found that the procurement code lacks specificity in regard to monitoring responsibilities when subcontracting is involved.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. The report will be available at our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and released to the public and press on Friday, November 1, 2002.

Sincerely,

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State Auditor

Enclosure

c: ✓ Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk