

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2006

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2997
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2997 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to restore the procurement exemptions for the High Technology Development Corporation (Corporation) that were repealed by Act 216, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

Your Committee understands that exemption from the Hawaii public procurement code is required by the Corporation to enable it to effectively operate the High Technology Development Corporation-Manufacturing Extension Partnership program. This program provides a wide variety of business consulting services to local manufacturing firms. Its success is dependent upon the Corporation's ability to quickly respond to companies needing assistance.

Additionally, your Committee believes it would be beneficial to incorporate into this measure procurement code exemption proposals necessary for the following:

- (1) Government agencies who contract for services for the preparation of studies and reports for submittal to the Legislature, to enable these agencies to timely comply with legislative reporting deadlines;



- (2) The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation to enable it to operate in a time-sensitive, market-driven environment and meet the demands of private sector investors and entrepreneurs; and
- (3) The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority to enable it to better attract competent service providers for cutting edge technology projects, facilitate the administration of federal funds, and take advantage of opportunities to work with universities and laboratories conducting research on a continual contract basis.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing exemptions from the Hawaii public procurement code for:
 - (A) The services of contractors under contract with a governmental body for the purpose of preparing a study or report for submission to the Legislature;
 - (B) The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation; and
 - (C) The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, style, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2997, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2997, S.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2997	Committee Referral: TGO/MAT, WAM	Date: 2/27/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado			/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	11	0	2	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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