
HOUSE RESOLUTION

INVESTIGATING ALLEGED IMPROPRIETIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S AWARDING OF THE HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT'S WIKI WIKI SHUTTLE SERVICE CONTRACT.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that public service is a
2 public trust; and

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4 WHEREAS, for the individual public servant -- at all levels
5 of government from the Governor, agency head, manager, and
6 supervisor to the most junior staff person -- that means placing
7 professional and job-related responsibilities before personal
8 gain and individual interest; and

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10 WHEREAS, to ensure that the purchasing of goods and
11 services are conducted in an ethical manner that precludes even
12 the mere appearance of impropriety, Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes (HRS), the State Procurement Code, was enacted into
14 law; and

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16 WHEREAS, among other thing, Chapter 103D, HRS, requires
17 competitive sealed bidding for service contract to ensure that
18 the awarding of contracts are done in a fair and impartial
19 manner; and

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21 WHEREAS, in 2008, allegations were raised of improprieties
22 in the state bidding process surrounding the Department of
23 Transportation (DOT) and its awarding of a new contract to
24 Roberts Hawaii to operate the Honolulu International Airport's
25 Wiki Wiki Shuttle; and

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27 WHEREAS, during the previous fall, DOT put out a request
28 for proposal in which four companies responded; and

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30 WHEREAS, the sealed bids were opened on November 29, 2007
31 and made public to those in attendance; and



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2 WHEREAS, of the bidders participating in the process,
3 Airport Service International Group (ASIG) submitted the second
4 lowest bid, and Roberts Hawaii submitted the third lowest bid;
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7 WHEREAS, the DOT claimed that there was an omission in the
8 Request-for-Proposal (RFP) and voided the original bids
9 requiring the project to be rebid; and
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11 WHEREAS, after amending the contract, the DOT sought new
12 bids through an RFP and this time, only three companies
13 responded; and
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15 WHEREAS, when the new bids were opened on February 7, 2008,
16 ASIG and another contender raised their bids to address
17 additional work required under the specifications of the
18 contract, while Roberts Hawaii lowered its original bid by
19 \$250,000; and
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21 WHEREAS, upon receiving the contract from the DOT, Roberts
22 Hawaii immediately changed the operations of the Wiki Wiki
23 Shuttle by laying off 41 union workers who were previously
24 employed with ASIG; and
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26 WHEREAS, the "fast-tracking" of the new contractor and its
27 employees (who need to have background checks done for the last
28 10 years, a commercial drivers license, and ramp license and the
29 time to learn airport procedures and train on the type of
30 vehicles to be driven) places compliance of public safety and
31 Homeland Security procedures in jeopardy; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2010, that this body requests the Administrator and Chief
36 Procurement Officer of the State Procurement Office to
37 investigate the allegations of impropriety surrounding the
38 awarding of the Wiki Wiki Shuttle contract to Roberts Hawaii and
39 submit a report of findings and recommendations to the
40 Legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the
41 Regular Session of 2011; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is directed to audit the Department of Transportation in its management of the Wiki Wiki Shuttle contract to:

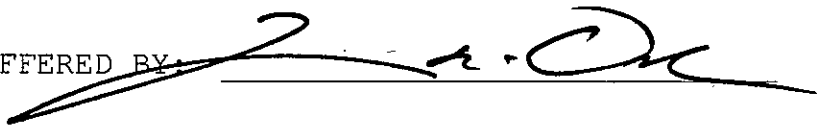
- (1) Determine whether any violations of Chapter 103D, HRS, occurred; and
- (2) Ascertain whether the "fast-tracking" of the new contract has resulted in any violations to public safety or Homeland Security procedures which would place the State in jeopardy of any federal sanctions;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor transmit a report of the findings and recommendations to the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; the Auditor; the Chief Executive Officers of ASIG and Roberts Hawaii; and the Hawaii Teamsters & Allied Workers Union Local 996.

OFFERED BY:



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