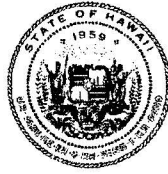


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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2057.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes this bill because it is not necessary. It will not shorten the time it takes to move a project from the “invitation for bids” or “request for proposals” stage to the start of construction phase, which is what DAGS believes to be its intent. Holding the pre-bid or pre-proposal conference 10 rather than 15 days before the bid or proposal is due does nothing to accelerate the bid or proposal due date. It simply reduces the time that bidders or proposers have to submit their bids or proposals after the pre-bid or pre-proposal conference. If the intent is to shorten the interval from the “invitation for bids” or “request for proposals” to the submission of bids or proposals, that should be done

directly, using standard intervals, perhaps based on project cost, as large projects take more time to prepare bids and proposals for than small projects.

DAGS also opposes this bill because it requires that a bidder or proposer attend the pre-bid or pre-proposal conference in order to protest. Depending on project complexity and bidder and proposer experience and expertise, some bidders and proposers who do not attend these pre-bid and pre-proposal conferences have demonstrated the ability to submit competitive bids and proposals, as well as the ability to file valid protests.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.