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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS
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H.B. 2283

RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2283, which will require government purchasers to follow ethical principles in matters relating to procurement.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this bill and would like to point out that this bill is not necessary because its purpose is fulfilled by Hawai'i Administrative Rules HAR 3-131-1.02 titled "Procurement Code of Ethics".

The State Procurement Office, which is responsible for the administrative rules for procurement, can provide clarification on this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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HB 2283 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of our member farm and ranch families and organizations is in **support** of HB 2283, requiring that ethical procurement principles be observed and followed.

HFBF has been working on increasing local purchases of agricultural products in the procurement system. We find that inefficiency, as well as unethical behavior, result from Department and Agency officials being unfamiliar with the state's procurement process.

This measure is a step in the right direction as it provides the framework to ensure that problems such as the election machines do not happen in the future. The expectations detailed in this measure will help ensure that the public has confidence in government and its leaders by requiring impartiality and independence when contracting out government work.

HFBF respectfully requests your strong support of this measure. Thank you