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Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Committee on Higher Education

Subject: SB1332, SD2

Honorable Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Higher Education Committee:

I support this bill because it provides an additional two years of experience for the University of Hawaii (UH) to fully implement its interim procurement procedures for construction services. It has been many months since this bill took effect and during this time, the UH established an advisory task group which included members of the construction industry, developed interim procedures, conducted workshops to the majority of construction related organizations statewide. Then, UH began the procurement of construction services for several major projects. These interim procedures are based on the selection of general contractors with the objective of "maximizing value" and not based on strictly "low price". These procedures provide for procurement processes, such as "design assist" which accelerates the start of construction and thus puts construction people to work faster.

Because construction projects normally take 2 to 3 years to build, I believe that a two year extension to UH's procurement exemption is justified and I fully support the extension.

Sincerely,

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