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**GCA of Hawaii**

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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TO: THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, CHAIR AND  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: S.B.779, SD2 HD1 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
TIME: 1:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, fully **supports** passage of HB 779, SD2, HD1 Relating to Procurement, and recommends its passage.

HB 779, SD2, HD1 provides a design build procurement process for construction. The proposed bill will give State procurement officers essential minimum requirements to follow when using the design build process for procuring construction services that include:

1. Delineating a two-step design build process;
2. Selecting up to only 3 offerors for step two, the most costly part of competing in the design build process; and
3. Providing for a conceptual design fee to help defray costs of the step two proposals to encourage quality proposals.

The GCA believes that the implementation of this two step procedure for the procurement of design build construction projects as proposed in HB 779, SD2, HD1 will result in enhanced proposal quality, provide better opportunities to participate by smaller, local design professionals, and provide the State with the most innovative and cost effective proposals.

The GCA recommends that the Committee pass HB 779, SD2, HD1 as drafted and suggests a more current effective date.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.