
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RENAMING OF AND THE EXTENSION OF THE PROMPT
PAYMENT TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS
ISSUES THAT AFFECT PROCUREMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES
PURCHASED THROUGH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING HUMAN
SERVICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER PIVOTAL GOODS
AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND
OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES.

1 WHEREAS, nationally, state and local governments contract
2 with nonprofit organizations - particularly human service
3 organizations - to deliver pivotal services to individuals,
4 families, and communities; and
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6 WHEREAS, in October 2010, the Urban Institute released
7 three related reports, including a "National Study of Nonprofit-
8 Government Contracting, State Profiles", which outlined a
9 variety of problems faced by these nonprofits; and
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11 WHEREAS, key problems included payments not covering full
12 program costs, complex and time-consuming applications and
13 reporting, changes to contractual and grant agreements, and late
14 payments; and
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16 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one hundred sixty-one human service
17 nonprofits provided services to state and county government in
18 2009, and fifty per cent of the nonprofits reported problems
19 with late payments, which is substantially higher than the
20 national average of forty-one per cent; and
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22 WHEREAS, small businesses that contract with governments
23 report the same concerns and face the same negative
24 consequences, and both nonprofits and businesses struggle to
25 make ends meet in an economy that has faltered; and
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27 WHEREAS, upon adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution
28 No. 28, S.D. 2, in 2011, the Comptroller established a prompt



1 payment task force and invited as initial members of the task
2 force, at least one member from each of the following:

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- (1) The State Procurement Office of the Department of Accounting and General Services;
- (2) The Department of Budget and Finance;
- (3) The Department of Health;
- (4) The Department of Human Services;
- (5) The Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations;
- (6) The Building Industry Association of Hawaii or The Pacific Resource Partnership;
- (7) The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology;
- (8) The Senate Committee on Human Services;
- (9) The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs;
- (10) The House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business;
- (11) The House of Representatives Committee on Human Services; and
- (12) The House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs; and

35 WHEREAS, the prompt payment task force has held at least
36 three meetings since August 2011, and the chairs of the Senate
37 Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the House
38 of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and
39 Business assumed responsibility for co-chairing the task force
40 after the Comptroller's transition to the Office of the Governor
41 in September 2011; and
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43 WHEREAS, while the prompt payment task force has identified
44 a number of areas of concern, the members have determined that



1 further work by the task force is necessary to complete the
2 tasks requested in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, S.D. 2;
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5 WHEREAS, in addition, recommendations of the task force
6 will benefit from pilot projects involving the use of
7 "dashboard" and other information technology infrastructure
8 enhancements proposed for implementation in 2012; now,
9 therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the prompt payment
14 task force is requested to be renamed as the government
15 contracting task force and extended until December 31, 2012; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State's Chief Information
18 Officer, a representative of the Department of Accounting and
19 General Services contracting services, and a representative of
20 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii be invited to serve as members
21 of the task force; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task
24 force is requested to develop recommendations to address issues
25 that affect procurement for goods and services purchased through
26 nonprofit organizations, including human service nonprofit
27 organizations that deliver pivotal goods and services to
28 individuals, families, communities, and other small businesses;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing these
32 recommendations, the government contracting task force is
33 requested to:
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- 35 (1) Examine state contracting from the initial planning
36 phase through service delivery, and issues relating to
37 payment when invoices are submitted;
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- 39 (2) Identify areas that can be simplified and standardized
40 between government agencies, the State Procurement
41 Office, the Department of Accounting and General
42 Services, the Department of the Attorney General, and
43 the parties contracted to deliver services; and
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1 (3) Develop the scope of a "dashboard" demonstration
2 project that utilizes designated contract areas in the
3 Department of Health, Department of Human Services,
4 and Department of Public Safety to test business
5 process improvements or other approaches to streamline
6 the contracting process, with the goal of clarifying
7 problem areas and solutions for government agencies
8 and the parties contracted to provide services; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task
11 force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
12 recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31,
13 2012; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task
16 force, upon the request of the Legislature, participate in a
17 joint informational briefing to discuss its report; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Staff,
21 Office of the Governor; the Chief Information Officer; the
22 Attorney General; the Comptroller; the Administrator of the
23 State Procurement Office, Department of Accounting and General
24 Services; the Director of Finance; the Director of Health; the
25 Director of Human Services; the Chair of the Board of Directors
26 of the Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; the President
27 of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii; the Executive
28 Director of The Pacific Resource Partnership; the President of
29 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; the Chair of the Senate
30 Committee on Economic Development and Technology; the Chair of
31 the Senate Committee on Human Services; the Chair of the Senate
32 Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military
33 Affairs; the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on
34 Economic Revitalization and Business; the Chair of the House of
35 Representatives Committee on Human Services; and the Chair of
36 the House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and
37 Military Affairs.
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