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House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business  
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair

HB 352 – RELATING TO STREAMLINING PROCUREMENT  
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Conference Room 312

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs for the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP **supports the intent of** HB 352 – Relating to Streamlining Procurement which requires contracts for DHHL and DOT projects to be awarded within 30 days of the bid opening date, subject to sufficient available funding and an extension for further negotiations to benefit the public.

This bill also requires DHHL and DOT contracts for design professional services to be awarded within 45 days of the bid opening date, however, the requirement cannot apply to design professional services since professional services is not put out to bid. It is qualification based selection and not based on price, and thus should only apply to contracts that are put out to competitive low bid only.

This measure in part was recommended by the Construction Industry Task Force that was established (pursuant to SCR 132, SD1 (2009)) to determine the economic contributions of the construction industry in Hawaii, and develop, propose and recommend state actions to preserve and create new jobs in the construction industry.

PRP understands and appreciates the difficulty faced in determining ways to achieve a sustainable economic recovery. Procedural changes are necessary to enable the State to achieve a needed recovery and to provide effective economic stimulation. Currently, the awarding of a contract is subject to prolonged review, thereby preventing government projects from proceeding in a timely manner.

Thank you for allowing us to share our opinion and we humbly ask for your favorable consideration.