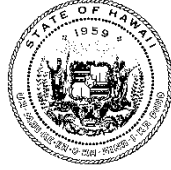


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RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 2582, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services opposes S.B. 2582, S.D. 1.

Implementation of “set aside bid preferences” will increase the complexity of the construction bid award process, which is contrary to previous legislative measures on “streamlining” the State’s procurement process. In addition, there are currently no implementation guidelines on how to define “small businesses” specifically within the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.