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HB502, HD1

RELATING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB502, HD1. The State Procurement Office's (SPO) comments are as follows:

One of public procurement's primary objectives is to ensure broad-based competition. It is the procuring officer's responsibility to select which source selection is most appropriate for the particular procurement. Act 239, SLH 2013 was enacted giving procurement officers this authority to choose the appropriate source selection method to meet the circumstances of each procurement.

The SPO provides the recommended language to support the efforts of this bill.

Thank you.

**SECTION 4.** Pursuant to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of agriculture shall may issue a request for proposals to contract for a report with findings on the establishment of a food sufficiency baseline that determines the percentage of food that currently is consumed and produced in the State. This baseline is intended to enable the State to set goals and move towards greater food self-sufficiency.

The entity awarded the contract, in conjunction with the department of agriculture, shall submit the report of its findings to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015.