A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the delivery and
- 2 award of public works construction projects can be hindered by
- 3 bid challenges resulting in a lapse in funding and other
- 4 procurement issues. Many times there are communications from a
- 5 bidder indicating flaws or technical discrepancies in a low-
- 6 bidder's proposal before a determination has been made that the
- 7 low bidder is the responsible and responsive bidder. Several
- 8 recent informal inquiries and bid challenges related to
- 9 subcontractor listing and licensing issues have caused major
- 10 delays and cost increases for public works construction
- 11 projects.
- 12 The legislature further finds that due to the large number
- 13 of licenses available, it has become increasingly difficult for
- 14 general contractors to verify whether a subcontractor has the
- 15 proper license to perform the type of work that the
- 16 subcontractor has been contracted to perform. Ensuring that
- 17 subcontractors meet all of the necessary requirements to perform



- 1 contracted work on State and county projects will address
- 2 licensing concerns and greatly minimize bid challenges
- 3 pertaining to the verification of subcontractor qualifications
- 4 and licensing.
- 5 The purpose of this Act is to authorize procurement
- 6 officers to consider a previously licensed and listed
- 7 subcontractor's license as valid; provided that certain
- 8 conditions are satisfied.
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 103D-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:
- "(g) Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous
- 12 bids before or after award, or cancellation of invitations for
- 13 bids, awards, or contracts based on such bid mistakes, shall be
- 14 permitted in accordance with rules adopted by the policy board.
- 15 After bid opening no changes in bid prices or other provisions
- 16 of bids prejudicial to the interest of the public or to fair
- 17 competition shall be permitted[-]; provided that the procurement
- 18 officer may consider a listed subcontractors license as valid if
- 19 the subcontractor was previously licensed to perform the scope
- 20 of work indicated within sixty days prior to bid opening, and if
- 21 at the time of award or within sixty days of bid opening,

- 1 whichever is sooner, all listed subcontractors are appropriately
- 2 licensed.
- 3 Except as otherwise provided by rule, all decisions to
- 4 permit the correction or withdrawal of bids, or to cancel awards
- 5 or contracts based on bid mistakes, shall be supported by a
- 6 written determination made by the chief procurement officer or
- 7 head of a purchasing agency."
- 8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

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Report Title:

Procurement Officers; Competitive Sealed Bidding; Subcontractors; Licensing

Description:

Authorizes procurement officers to consider a previously licensed and listed subcontractor's license as valid; provided that certain conditions are satisfied. (SB3092 HD2)

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