
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WEST OAHU, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE TO EXPLORE, COLLECT DATA, AND REPORT ON THE VIABILITY OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF PROCUREMENT.

1 WHEREAS, procurement can be a powerful tool in the State
2 for cost savings, budgeting, and, more importantly, providing
3 the community with needed goods, services, and infrastructure;
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6 WHEREAS, with expenditures of over \$1,000,000,000 per annum
7 for the Executive Branch alone, procurement must be taken into
8 account at the strategic planning level; and

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10 WHEREAS, to establish procurement at a strategic level,
11 agencies must acknowledge the procurement workforce as a set of
12 professionals. If procurement is not seen as a professional
13 career field, then the result may be waste, fraud, and abuse;
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16 WHEREAS, with a limited pool of qualified candidates and
17 insufficient funding, the struggle to acquire or retain adequate
18 staffing levels is alarmingly high; for example, the current
19 vacancy rate of purchasing positions at the State Procurement
20 Office is 43 per cent; and

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22 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, West Oahu, offers a
23 variety of first and second-year college credit classes in
24 liberal arts, education, business careers, and technical areas;
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27 WHEREAS, there are two types of strategies for workforce
28 development:



- 1 (1) Place-based strategies attempt to address the needs of
- 2 individuals living in a particular neighborhood; and
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- 4 (2) Sector-based strategies focus on matching worker
- 5 skills with an industry's needs; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office is in desperate need
 8 of workforce development initiatives; now, therefore,

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 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 12 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the University of
 13 Hawaii, West Oahu, collaborate with the State Procurement Office
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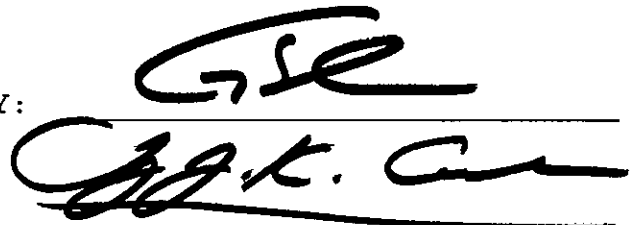
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- 16 (1) Explore, collect data, and report on the viability of
- 17 a Workforce Development Pilot Program in the field of
- 18 procurement;
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- 20 (2) Determine the educational requirements for a robust
- 21 certification program; and
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- 23 (3) Explore the possibility of a partnership between the
- 24 University of Hawaii, West Oahu, and the State
- 25 Procurement Office for workforce development; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii, West
 28 Oahu, and Administrator of the State Procurement Office
 29 collaborate to submit their findings and recommendations,
 30 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 31 than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2017; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 35 Administrator of the State Procurement Office, President of the
 36 University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, and Chancellor of the
 37 University of Hawaii, West Oahu.

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OFFERED BY:




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TESTIMONY
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

March 17, 2016, 10:00 AM

HCR 184/HR 131

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WEST OAHU, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE TO EXPLORE, COLLECT DATA, AND REPORT ON THE VIABILITY OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF PROCUREMENT.

Chair Kawakami, Vice-Chair Kong, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 184 and HR 131. The State Procurement Office (SPO) is in support of this resolution's intent to explore the viability of a Workforce Development Pilot Program in the field of procurement.

In SPO's report on HCR 204 SD 1, submitted to the 2016 legislature, the State Procurement Office recognizes the need to improve procurement across the State and identify the need to boost training and for the development of our procurement workforce. This training certification program involves levels of certification and will be based on types of purchases and dollar thresholds.

The SPO views a possible partnership with the University of Hawaii, West Oahu, as a positive step towards procurement training in Hawaii.

Thank you.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
March 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

by
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HCR 184/HR 131 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WEST OAHU, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE TO EXPLORE, COLLECT DATA, AND REPORT ON THE VIABILITY OF A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF PROCUREMENT.

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 184/HR 131. This resolution requests the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu to explore the idea of partnering with the State Procurement Office in developing a workforce development pilot program in the field of procurement and to submit the findings to the Legislature.

The University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu strives to provide courses in areas of interest for current and potential students, as well as courses to assist with workforce development for the State of Hawai'i. Interest alone, however, does not ensure a successful program. All programs must have a sound business plan with reasonably forecasted enrollment numbers that present an ongoing, viable proposition.

At this time, we are unaware of a demand for workforce development in the field of procurement. However, UH West O'ahu desires to support the work force needs of the State of Hawai'i and will explore any initiative that presents itself as a viable opportunity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.