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To: Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means

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Room: Capitol Room 211

RE: SB 2495, SD 1, Relating to Procurement

Aloha Chairs Keith-Agaran and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Shimabukuro and Dela Cruz and Members of the Committees:

On behalf of the Hawaii Procurement Institute, we are writing in support of the intent of SB 2495, SD 1, relating to procurement. This bill would require, among other things, government procurement officers to attend initial training by the state procurement office and regular follow-up training as determined by the state procurement office.

The Hawaii Procurement Institute (HPI) is an independent procurement think-tank and education institute devoted to delivering quality study and instruction in federal, state and local procurement laws, which impact public employees, private contractors, and state, national and international markets. HPI aims to promote effective positive economic development through its policy analysis and by facilitating thoughtful public dialog. HPI offers conferences, workshops and programs geared toward government officials, public and private legal practitioners, and students interested in keeping current and developing in the practices and policies of government procurement.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.