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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO DULY CONSIDER
WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES WHEN AWARDING STATE CONTRACTS.

1 WHEREAS, according to data mined from the State Procurement
2 Office website, it appears that only three percent of state
3 contracts are awarded to women-owned architectural and
4 engineering firms located in Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, despite the Department of Transportation
7 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, women-owned firms in
8 Hawaii continue to face disparate treatment in the awarding of
9 state contracts; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the Society of Women Engineers, close
12 to twenty percent of engineering school graduates are women, but
13 less than fourteen percent of engineers in the workforce are
14 women, and according to data from the Society of Women Engineers
15 and the National Science Foundation, women are more likely than
16 men to leave engineering as their careers progress; and
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18 WHEREAS, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering
19 and Medicine concluded in their Beyond Bias and Barriers report
20 released in 2007 that women are very likely to face
21 discrimination in the engineering field; and
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23 WHEREAS, according to the Association of Collegiate Schools
24 of Architecture, over forty percent of architecture degrees are
25 awarded to women, but only twenty-five percent of architect and
26 architectural designers in the workforce are women; and
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28 WHEREAS, women-owned businesses in Hawaii must be given
29 proper consideration and equal opportunity for procuring state
30 contracts if women-owned business are to succeed and achieve
31 fair representation in the workforce; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's state
 4 departments and agencies are urged to duly consider women-owned
 5 businesses when awarding state contracts; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 9 Comptroller, and Administrator of the State Procurement Office;
 10 provided that the Administrator of the State Procurement Office
 11 is requested to transmit certified copies of this Concurrent
 12 Resolution to the chief procurement officer of each state
 13 department and agency.

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