
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO DULY CONSIDER
WOMEN-, VETERAN-, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN-OWNED BUSINESSES WHEN
AWARDING STATE CONTRACTS, AND REQUESTING ALL STATE
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO SUBMIT TO THE LEGISLATURE A
LIST OF STATE CONTRACTS AWARDED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS TO
WOMEN-, VETERAN-, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN-OWNED BUSINESSES.

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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1 WHEREAS, data is currently unavailable regarding the
2 overall percent of state contracts awarded to women-, veteran-,
3 or Native Hawaiian-owned businesses in Hawaii, but in all
4 likelihood these businesses face challenges in procuring state
5 contracts and are underrepresented in the state procurement
6 process; and
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8 WHEREAS, women-, veteran-, and Native Hawaiian-owned
9 businesses in Hawaii must be given proper consideration and
10 equal opportunity for procuring state contracts if women-,
11 veteran-, and Native Hawaiian-owned business are to succeed and
12 achieve fair representation in the workforce; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's state
17 departments and agencies, including the Department of
18 Transportation, Department of Accounting and General Services,
19 Department of Education, and University of Hawaii System, are
20 urged to duly consider women-, veteran-, and Native Hawaiian-
21 owned businesses when awarding state contracts; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
24 Transportation, Department of Accounting and General Services,
25 Department of Education, and University of Hawaii System are
26 requested to submit to the Legislature, no later than October 1,
27 2017, a list of state contracts under their department or agency
28 awarded to women-, veteran-, and Native Hawaiian-owned
29 businesses in the last two years; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
33 Comptroller, and Administrator of the State Procurement Office;
34 provided that the Administrator of the State Procurement Office
35 is requested to transmit certified copies of this Concurrent
36 Resolution to the chief procurement officer of each state
37 department and agency.

