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S.C.R. 59, S.D.1
URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO DULY CONSIDER
WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES WHEN AWARDING STATE CONTRACTS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.C.R. 59, S.D.1 which encourages state departments and agencies to duly consider women-owned businesses when awarding state contracts.

DOT administers the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program which provides opportunities for women-owned firms to participate on federal-aid contracts. However, within DOT, the number of professional services contracts are limited, and therefore, encouraging the utilization of women-owned businesses by all state departments and agencies would provide an even greater opportunity for women-owned firms. Passing S.C.R. 59 will serve to level the playing field for women in traditionally male-dominated professions such as construction management, architecture and engineering so long they meet the State's qualifications.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 59, SD1

**URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO DULY CONSIDER
WOMEN-OWNED-, 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.**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SCR 59 SD1. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports this bill.

The State should have a Small Business program that encourages the development of our local businesses, such as those that are owned by Native Hawaiians, women and our veterans. The economic result is overall growth to the strength of the State of Hawaii. Encouraging these subsets essentially encourages diversity which drives innovation.

SB1059 SD1 and HB1382 HD1 SD1 support a first phase initiative developing the State Small Business key areas through statistics. This initiative is a message to the small businesses in Hawaii that the State of Hawaii is invested in healthy growth of the economy through local foods, services and products.

Thank you.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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CONTRACTS AWARDED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS TO WOMEN-, VETERAN-, AND
NATIVE HAWAIIAN-OWNED BUSINESS

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

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April 4, 2017
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Good morning Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony **in support** of SCR 59, SD 1.

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge all state departments and agencies to properly consider women-owned businesses when awarding state procurement contracts. The growing trend of today's Hawaii women veterans appears to favor the start-up of their own business vice entry into the traditional workforce. The combined skills, education, and experience received while in service make women veterans an excellent source of manpower. It behooves our government to provide avenues of opportunity for this growing population.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of SCR 54, SR 16.

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