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TESTIMONY  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE  
Tuesday, February 28, 2018, 11:00 AM

HOUSE BILL 2178 HD1  
RELATING TO PROTEST BOND

Chair Luke and Vice-Chair Cullen and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 2178 HD 1. The State Procurement Office (SPO) **supports** the intent of this bill which removes the \$10,000 maximum limit on a cash or protest bond that must be posted for a procurement award protest.

In 2013, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) conducted a research brief that examined bid protest policies and practices in state central procurement offices across the nation. Appendix IV, Bid Protest Bonds survey revealed a protest bond range of 1% to 25% among states with such a provision. Of the states in the study, only Hawaii had a protest bond cap not to exceed \$10,000.

Below is a link to the report.

[http://www.naspo.org/dnn/portals/16/documents/FINAL\\_NASPO\\_BidProtests\\_Research\\_Brief\\_042413.pdf](http://www.naspo.org/dnn/portals/16/documents/FINAL_NASPO_BidProtests_Research_Brief_042413.pdf)

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