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HOUSE BILL. 2243
RELATING TO THE HUI `IMI ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairs Evans and Ing, Vice Chairs Keohokalole and DeCoite, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2243. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports the intent of this bill and submits the following comments.

The State of Hawaii currently does not have a formal small business program, or any collected metrics to assist us in understanding the small business landscape in the State. The SPO is already working on developing the HANDS database that could be modified to allow registration of small business owners. HANDS (Hawaii Awards and Notices Database) is an effort to have a one-stop-shop, searchable database of all open solicitations from State agencies and political subdivisions. The data collected through this initiative will allow the SPO and Legislature to observe and track Hawaiian small business participation in State contracts for the first time.

Addressing small business concerns must include the infrastructure and resources needed to understand and help this unique community. The knowledge and metrics gathered through this initiative will help form the basis of all future Native Hawaiian-owned small business legislation.

The SPO requests to receive a copy of the Hui `Imi advisory council's annual report to enable responsible decision-making on any formal small business program going forward.

Thank you.