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TESTIMONY  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
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SENATE BILL 2602  
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2602. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports the intent of this bill, and offers the following comments.

HRS103D-206 states that an additional duty required by the Administrator is to: "(1) Perform periodic review of the procurement practices and procedures of all governmental bodies, in collaboration with the state procurement policy board, for compliance with the procurement code".

The SPO considers compliance a vital aspect of the SPO mission, and conducts reviews and/or investigates numerous procurement activities from various departments and agencies across the State. These procurement reviews typically take between 2-7 months to complete, depending on the complexity of the review.

In FY 2017, the SPO conducted the following reviews:

- 6 Procurement Investigations
- 6 Procurement Reviews
- 39 Protest Reports reviewed
- 70 Procurement Violations

The SPO considers reviews from the standpoint of how to improve processes for enhanced effectiveness as well as a set of expected standards among the procurement and contracting specialists that supports and maintains a professional workforce.

Thank you.

**SB-2602**

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Comments:

Can this apply to projects where state funds are involved, but the state is not the primary agent, e.g. the Honolulu rail project?

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