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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND LABOR  
For Hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
2:50 p.m., Senate Conference Room 229

By

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**Senate Bill No. 2913**  
**Relating to Procurement**

CHAIRPERSONS KIM AND TOKUDA, VICE CHAIRS RUDERMAN AND ENGLISH  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES

S.B. 2913 refers to Section 103D-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and is amended to read: S103D-110 Education and Training. (a) The Department of Human Resources Development, either alone or in cooperation with any governmental body, including the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, or in cooperation with other states, the federal government, or other persons may:

- 1) Conduct or participate in procurement education and training for persons not employed by the State; and
- 2) Sponsor a purchasing certification program conducted by a voluntary organization of procurement professionals.

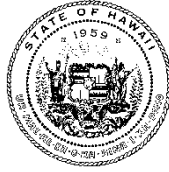
The Department of Human Resources Development **offers comments** on this measure.

The Department of Human Resources Development is solely responsible for the training of individuals employed by the executive branch of the State of Hawaii. In addition, the State Procurement Office (SPO) is the office responsible for the training of

any persons in procurement training as subject matter experts. The SPO is currently responsible for this type of training and should continue as such due to its expertise in this specialized area.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SENATE BILL 2913  
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chairs Kim and Tokuda, and Vice Chairs Ruderman and English, and members of the committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2913. The State Procurement Office (SPO) strongly supports the intent of the bill to ensure delegated procurement officers and procurement contracting workforce receive training.

To be effective, procurement training must be provided to all personnel conducting or participating in procurement and the training must be targeted to their role. Most departments do not centralize their procurement function resulting in hundreds of personnel who conduct or participate in procurements each year.

In addition, the SPO supports that delegated procurement and contacting workforce be required to complete mandatory review training every three years to ensure that they are accustomed to any new procurement guidance's within the procurement code.

The amendment to the existing statute is necessary, because the procurement workforce need much more training than a mandatory fundamental training and developmental session to be taken within sixty days of being named to the position of procurement officer. The field of procurement is varied and complex, and changes constantly, thus creating a need for a full Body of Knowledge to be studied rather than a merely attending a single session.

The SPO is working on developing a robust certification program to enhance and uplift procurement as a professional career field, and training is an integral part in advancement of the procurement workforce to enable successful contracts.

Thank you.