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SENATE BILL 2913  
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Dela Cruz, and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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 contracting 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.