

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3270

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 3270 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit determinations of nonresponsibility, under the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, that are based solely on the failure to possess prior experience.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that determinations of nonresponsibility based solely on a failure to possess prior experience can cause undue delay and expense in the procurement process. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure will clarify existing law by providing that the failure to possess prior experience shall not be the sole basis for a determination of nonresponsibility. This, in turn, will reduce delays and costs associated with the procurement process and will expand the pool of responsible bidders.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of



S.B. No. 3270 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



