



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 26, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Ronald Kouchi

FROM: Senator Sharon Moriwaki

RE: **ACTIVATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY**

Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Rules of the Senate (2021), I am requesting consideration of the appointment of a Special Committee on Accountability to conduct fact finding on procurement. Rule 20 allows the committee to take on projects referred to it by Senate Leadership, being composed of no fewer than four majority members and one minority member to meet during the interim.

Fact finding would include, but not be limited to, the following information from various State departments or agencies dealing with large contracts, including but not limited to DAGS, DOT, DOE, UH, Housing Agencies (HPHA, HCDA, HHFDC):

- Bids or requests for proposals (RFPs) that have been protested
- Protested bids that were overturned
- RFPs that are written and prepared by hired consultants
- RFPs and contracts using consultants to oversee or manage awarded contracts
- Costs of consultants
- Licensed engineers, architects and other staff assigned to RFPs/Bids/Contract oversight

Information discovered during this process will assist the Senate Standing Committee on Government Operations develop procurement reform legislation to be introduced in the 2022 regular session.

Suggested members for this committee are myself and Senators Kidani, Dela Cruz, Kim, and Fevella.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me.