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The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
The Thirty-First Legislature
State Capitol
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Dear Representative Luke and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB3040 SD2 HD1 Relating to Procurement

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB3040 SD2 HD1**, establishes the state procurement automation system special fund. Authorizes the state procurement administrator to develop and administer procurement automation systems and assess, charge, and collect a transaction fee from all vendors using the procurement automation systems. Deletes language regarding qualified community rehabilitation programs made redundant by Act 55, SLH 2021. Appropriates funds for hiring of staff. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

This measure will correct a conflict in the procurement code relating to Qualified Community Rehabilitation Programs (QCRP). Act 055 of the 2021 Hawaii legislative session removed 14c certificates from the requirement of being a QCRP program under 103D-1001 of the procurement code and replaced it with: "Maintains a disabled to non-disabled employee ratio equal to or greater than one to three at all times. To ensure integrated employment of individuals with disabilities, this one-to-three ratio is to include all levels of employment, management, and sub-contracting."

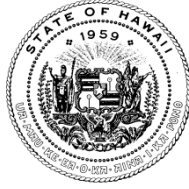
The employee ratio language in procurement code 103D-1010 needs to be removed to conform with the amendment made to section 103D-1001 by Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021. We support the changes on page 7 lines 15, 16, 18-21.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of SB3040 SD2 HD1**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

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S.B. 3040, S.D. 2, H.D. 1
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT-HWY), **supports** this bill that would establish the state procurement automation system special fund. Authorizes the state procurement administrator to develop and administer procurement automation systems and assess, charge, and collect a transaction fee from all vendors using the procurement automation systems. Deletes language regarding qualified community rehabilitation programs made redundant by Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021. Appropriates funds for hiring of staff.

Prior to the pandemic, DOT-HWY bid and proposal document submissions for goods, services, and construction above the small purchase limits were physically submitted in hard copy sealed envelope to the department, either in person, or through post or courier.

Since the pandemic, the DOT-HWY has made available both the solicitation documents as well as allowed for the submission of bid and proposal documents through the state electronic procurement system, HlePRO.

Having a procurement automation system would benefit the DOT-HWY. During fiscal year 2021, DOT-HWY had bid openings for forty-five (45) projects, with contract amounts totaling approximately \$200 million.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**TESTIMONY OF
BONNIE KAHAKUI, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
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**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
APRIL 5, 2022; 1:30 P.M.**

SENATE BILL 3040, SD 2, HD1 - RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 3040, SD2, HD1. The State Procurement Office (SPO) strongly supports this bill to increase transparency and efficiency, minimize risk in procurement, and save taxpayer dollars by 1) adding a new section to Part II of Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to establish a procurement automation system special fund; 2) adding the definition of "procurement automation system;" 3) amending section 103-206, HRS, by adding to the duties to the SPO administrator; 4) deletes language made redundant by Act 55, SLH 2021, and 5) appropriates funds for hiring staff to assist with increased duties of the SPO.

Procurement Automation System

The SPO has digitized its processes and conducted business online to improve its level of customer service, and it seeks to transition to an online procurement automation system (eProcurement System) as a self-funded model to stay on par with industry standards. A procurement automation system, which is an accounting-oriented, multi-module, data-based system that integrates all procurement activities from solicitation to contract management, will provide the following benefits and more:

Maximized administrative efficiency and resources (one-stop-shop for government buyers and vendors)

- Automated government policy and guidance (built-in adaptable technology to remain compliant with policy)
- Improved user-friendly procurement templates
- Increased competition (more competition means lower costs)
- Managed spending (leverage buying power, monitor compliance)
- Validated data (spend data)
- Mitigated risks from nonconforming contracts
- Improved transparency and accountability (less off-contract/non-catalog spend)

SB 3040, SD 2, HD1, describes how the procurement automation system can be a self-funded model. If a self-funded model is not used, the cost would be approximately \$5 million for implementation, plus an additional \$500,000 to \$1 million for annual licenses.

One of the purposes of SB 3040, SD2, HD1 is to establish the foundation of the procurement automation system. As part of the process, the SPO has obtained approval from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services' Project Advisory Council (PAC), whose voting members are the State Chief Information Officer, the Department of General Services Comptroller, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Human Resources Development. Other non-voting members of the PAC include the Deputy Attorney General (Deputy AG) assigned to work with ETS, and other ETS staff.

Deletion of 103D-1010 (a)(2), HRS

Section 103D-1010 (a) (2), HRS, needs to be deleted so it does not conflict with the new section 103D-1001, HRS, as amended by Act 55, SLH 2021. This will clarify that the 3:1 ratio of disabled employees required in section 103D-1010, HRS, is no longer in effect.

Request for Positions

To manage the procurement automation system and to provide the state and county agencies the high-level procurement guidance and oversight recommended by the Senate Special Committee on State of Hawaii Procurement, the SPO requires the addition of five full-time equivalent procurement positions. Of the five positions, one position shall manage the procurement automation system within the state procurement office. The other positions are skilled procurement personnel who will provide guidance to ensure that complex solicitations are prepared by experienced procurement specialists and that specialized expertise is available to assist with construction procurement. The five additional positions will provide the oversight needed ensure that tax dollars are spent responsibly, ethically, and in the best interest of the community. The SPO estimates the total salaries, excluding fringe benefits, to be an additional \$400,000 per year.

Thank you.

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, New User Fee for Automated Procurement System and New Special Fund

BILL NUMBER: SB 3040 HD 1

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Government Reform

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Establishes the state procurement automation system special fund. Authorizes the state procurement administrator to develop and administer procurement automation systems and assess, charge, and collect a transaction fee from all vendors using the procurement automation systems.

Our view is that the end game of this bill is to milk those from whom the State buys goods or services and squirrel away the resulting fees in a special fund that could largely avoid legislative scrutiny.

SYNOPSIS: Adds a new section to chapter 103D, HRS, to establish the state procurement automation system special fund.

Amends section 103D-104, HRS, by adding a new definition of “Procurement automation system” as an electronic procurement, accounting-oriented, multi-module, data-based system that integrates procurement activities from solicitation to contract management.

Amends section 103D-206, HRS, to require the administrator of the procurement office to develop and administer procurement automation systems, and to assess, charge, and collect a transaction fee for the use of the procurement automation system to cover procurement automation system costs.

Makes other technical and conforming amendments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2050

STAFF COMMENTS: This is an Administration bill sponsored by the Department of Accounting and General Services and designated as AGS-04 (22).

Essentially, this bill is taking an opportunity to modernize and automate procurement (which is not objectionable), tacking on a “user fee” and charge it to the persons from whom the State buys goods and services (which is probably going to be charged right back to the State in the form of higher prices for those goods or services), and then siphon it off into a special fund where it would be, by and large, under sole control of DAGS and not subject to the appropriation and budgeting processes (which is objectionable).

Special funds are pots of money that exist for a specific purpose, and largely bypass the legislative appropriation process. The existence of hundreds of these special funds has often

confounded those who seek answers to simple questions like “How much money does the State have?”

Our Legislature is supposed to be the steward of all state moneys, but special funds make it very easy to lose track of where the money is and how it is being spent. Departments are supposed to tell the Legislature if they have special funds and how much is in them, but let’s just say they don’t always. Recently, in Report No. 20-01, the State Auditor took DBEDT to task for failing to report \$6.5 million in non-general fund moneys. DBEDT’s response? Just that they’ll “take corrective action.” Not even a “Whoops! We screwed up and promise to do better next time!” This followed closely on the heels of Report No. 19-16, where the Auditor found that \$1.04 million in non-general fund moneys administered by the Attorney General wasn’t reported. That department responded that they “shall establish procedures to assure required reports are issued.” Is it any wonder that it’s getting harder and harder to follow the money and rein in government spending?

Digested: 3/19/2022