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OF  
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TO THE  
**COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

H.B. 977 HD1

FEBRUARY 16, 2023, 2:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 329 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

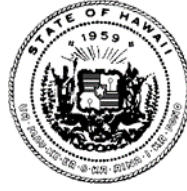
Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 977 HD1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill to abolish the Community Council on purchase of health and human services.

The community council on purchase of health and human services has accomplished its statutory requirement and has not met since April 22, 2010. This is a house-keeping measure that eliminates an obsolete section of the statute.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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February 14, 2023

TO: The Honorable Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: [HB 977 HD1](#) – **RELATING TO PURCHASES OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 & Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** the Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this administration measure, provides a comment, and defers to the State Procurement Office and other departments.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill abolishes the community council on purchase of health and human services. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

The HD1 amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

The bill's justification sheet indicates that the community council no longer serves its intended purpose. DHS agrees that "State agencies and private providers communicating and working together in a dynamic paradigm can refine and update procedures for planning, procuring, and contracting health and human services to meet current needs without the help

of the community council." DHS will work with SPO and the procurement policy board to address any rule changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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HOUSE BILL 977 HD1  
RELATING TO PURCHASES OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 977 HD1. The State Procurement Office (SPO) **strongly supports** this bill, which abolishes the Community Council on Purchase of Health and Human Services by repealing section 103F-202 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The services of the Community Council are no longer required as the administrative rules for Chapter 103F, HRS, have been established. The Procurement Policy Board, established by section 103D-201, HRS, has the authority and responsibility to adopt rules for Chapters 103D and 103F, HRS, pursuant to section 103D-202, HRS.

Thank you.