

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **ISS** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 07**, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2499  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 2499 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to remove the repeal and reenactment in Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to maintain the authority of the President of the University of Hawaii to act as the University of Hawaii's chief procurement officer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that although the University of Hawaii's procurement procedures were problematic in the past, Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, reinstated and restored full authority to the President of the University of Hawaii to act as the University's chief procurement officer. Furthermore, Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, extended this authority for three years, but did not make it permanent. This measure permanently reinstates the President of the University of Hawaii as the chief procurement officer, ensuring efficiency and

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transparency in the procurement process for the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2499, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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SCOT Z. MATSUMOTO, Chair



