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**TESTIMONY
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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS
APRIL 4, 2025, 10:46 AM**

**HOUSE BILL 987, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 987, HD1, SD1, which establishes a state procurement automation system special fund and makes a housekeeping amendment to section 103D-203(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The State Procurement Office (SPO) strongly supports this measure and respectfully requests that the date of this Act shall take effect upon its approval.

In 2022, through Senate Bill 3040 CD1, which became Act 176, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2022, the Legislature authorized the procurement automation system and authorized the SPO to implement a transaction fee on vendors, called a Vendor-Collected Administrative Fee (VCAF) beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025 to pay for the administration of the procurement automation system. Without a self-funded model, the SPO would need to request from the Legislature for an appropriation of approximately \$7 million for implementation of the system, and an additional \$300,000 per year for annual licenses and maintenance of the system.

Pursuant to Act 176, SLH 2022, the SPO is implementing Aloha eBUYS, a cutting-edge, cloud-based eProcurement solution that modernizes and elevates the state's procurement operations by redefining how Executive Branch Departments procure goods and services, and empowering vendors to do business with the State more efficiently. Aloha eBUYS is funded by the VCAF collected on all spend on (and spend utilizing pricing of Statewide Contracts only on the eMarketplace) and allows for revenue sharing.

However, the Legislature stopped short of authorizing a procurement automation special fund into which to deposit the transaction fees collected. Until a procurement automation special fund is established, the contracted vendor collects the VCAF and holds the State's share of the funds in trust for the State. The establishment of a special fund would ensure that these fees are

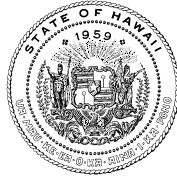
deposited into a special fund that will be administered by the SPO for future enhancements to the project.

Thus, the SPO respectfully requests that the effective date in Section 6, page 7, line 5, read **"This Act shall take effect upon its approval;"** to allow the SPO to have full control of the funds as soon as possible.

The SPO also supports the housekeeping amendment to section 103D-203, HRS. Section 302A-1702, HRS, under Act 72, SLH 2020, created the School Facilities Authority and mandated that its Executive Director serve as its chief procurement officer. This housekeeping amendment adds the School Facilities Authority Executive Director to the list of chief procurement officers in section 103D-203(a)(9), HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.

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H.B. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly **supports** H.B. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 which establishes a procurement automation system special fund and aligns section 103D-203(b), HRS, with section 302A-1702, HRS, which added the Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority as a chief procurement officer.

H.B. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 is a DAGS administrative measure which establishes a special fund to collect transaction fees and makes a housekeeping amendment which adds the School Facilities Authority Executive Director to the list of chief procurement officers. DAGS humbly requests that the current effective date language be replaced

with “This act shall take effect upon its approval”.

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