

A Bill for an Act Relating to Government Expenditures by Informal Bid.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The purpose of this bill is to increase the limit for informal bids to reduce red tape and thereby effectuate lower bids.

SECTION 2. Section 103-22 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**“Section 103-22 Advertisement for bids required; exceptions.** No expenditure of public money, except salaries or pay of officers or employees, or permanent settlements, subsidies or other claims or objects for which a fixed sum must be paid by law, or for other purposes which do not admit of competition, or for the purchase of materials or supplies from any other department, bureau, organization, or municipal or political subdivision of the federal, state, municipal or county governments, or for the performance of public work or contracts by any other such department, bureau, organization, or municipal or political subdivision of the federal, state, municipal or county governments, where the sum to be expended is \$8,000 or more shall be made except under contract let after public advertisement for sealed tenders, in the manner provided by law. In all cases of expenditures of public money that is more than \$4,000 but less than \$8,000, a call for informal bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the State; provided, that in the case of public works or repairs and maintenance of buildings, roads and other site improvements where the expenditure is more than \$4,000 but less than \$15,000, a call for informal bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the State. No expenditures for public purposes shall be so divided or parceled as to defeat or evade this section.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed materials, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 1, 1976.)

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\*Edited accordingly.