INTERIM REPORT OF THE
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING TASK FORCE
(FORMERLY THE PROMPT PAYMENT TASK FORCE)
TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR
THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

In Accordance with
Senate Concurrent Resolution 28, Senate Draft 2 (2011) and
Senate Concurrent Resolution 40, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 (2012)

STATE OF HAWAII

December 2012
Executive Summary

Senate Concurrent Resolution 28, Senate Draft 2 (2011) (see Appendix A), requested the Comptroller to establish a Prompt Payment Task Force to examine and resolve issues that prevent state agencies from making prompt payment for goods and services purchased through nonprofit organizations.

Pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution, the Task Force was formed in 2011 consisting of members from the Legislature, various state departments, and private entities. During the 2011 legislative interim, the Task Force was unable to come to a consensus regarding its recommendations within the allotted time.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 (2012) extended the Prompt Payment Task Force for an additional year, added members (the State's Chief Information Officer, a representative from the Department of Accounting and General Services' Contracting Services Agency, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii) and renamed it the Government Contracting Task Force. In addition to the tasks assigned to the Task Force pursuant to S.C.R. 28 (2011), the Government Contracting Task Force was also requested to:

(1) Examine state contracting from the initial planning phase through service delivery, and issues relating to payment when invoices are submitted;

(2) Identify areas that can be simplified and standardized between government agencies, the State Procurement Office, the Department of Accounting and
General Services, the Department of the Attorney General, and the parties contracted to deliver services; and

(3) Develop the scope of a "dashboard" demonstration project that utilizes designated contract areas in the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to test business process improvements or other approaches to streamline the contracting process, with the goal of clarifying problem areas and solutions for government agencies and the parties contracted to provide services;

The task force held several public meetings during the 2012 legislative interim to discuss the various items raised for review under S.C.R. 40, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 (2012).

Based upon its discussion and actions taken, the task force recommended the following:

(1) The term Task Force should be extended to June 30, 2013;

(2) The Legislature should adopt the attached concurrent resolution (Appendix D);

(3) The recommendations of the working group (Appendix C) should be adopted, including first establishing a lead identity or governance council to govern the dashboard, which should then work toward the other recommendations of the working group including:

(a) The provision of coordinated training for departments and providers;

(b) The standardization and simplification of the best practices;

(c) The standardization of interpretation requirements across contracts, invoices, deliverables, reporting and processes;

(d) The review and possible streamlining of budget execution policies;
(e) The establishment of collaborative communication and coordination across departments, divisions, providers for contracting, payments, and deliverables;

(f) The development and implementation of interdepartmental sharing of best practices for contracting and payment; and

(g) The development, implementation, and sharing of contracting best practices among non-profits.
Senate Concurrent Resolution 28, Senate Draft 2 (2011)

Senate Concurrent Resolution 28, Senate Draft 2 (2011) (SCR 28) (See Appendix A), established a Prompt Payment Task Force to examine and resolve issues that prevent state agencies from making prompt payment for goods and services purchased through nonprofit organizations, particularly human service nonprofit organizations, that deliver pivotal goods and services to individuals, families and communities. (See Appendix A)

As the rationale for the Concurrent Resolution, the Legislature found that most nonprofit organizations experienced problems with their government contracts and grants including payments not covering full program costs, complex and time-consuming applications and reporting, changes to contractual and grant agreements, and late payments.

The Concurrent Resolution also required the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 2012 Legislature and to participate in a joint informational briefing to discuss its report.

The Prompt Payment Task Force conducted three meetings, but could not complete its work within the allotted timeframe. Members disagreed on the scope of the Task Force's work, resulting in insufficient time to frame recommendations. Ultimately, the members were unable to come to a consensus on specific recommendations to complete a report. However, the members did agree on the use of the State of Hawaii Chief Information Officer's dashboard pilot project to help identify problems regarding payments.
On February 1, 2012, Senator Carol Fukunaga and Representative Angus McKelvey informed the Senate President and Speaker of the House that they would be requesting an extension of the Prompt Payment Task Force through a Concurrent Resolution.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 40, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 (2012)**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 (2012) (S.C.R. 40) (See Appendix A), extended the Prompt Payment Task Force to December 31, 2012, and renamed it the Government Contracting Task Force. In addition to the tasks assigned to the Task Force pursuant to S.C.R. 28, S.C.R. 40 requested that the Task Force:

1. Examine state contracting from the initial planning phase through service delivery, and issues relating to payment when invoices are submitted;

2. Identify areas that can be simplified and standardized between government agencies, the State Procurement Office, the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of the Attorney General, and the parties contracted to deliver services; and

3. Develop the scope of a "dashboard" demonstration project that utilizes designated contract areas in the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to test business process improvements or other approaches to streamline the contracting process, with the goal of clarifying problem areas and solutions for government agencies and the parties contracted to provide services;

S.C.R. 40 also invited the State's Chief Information Officer, a representative of the Department of Accounting and General Services' contracting services agency, and a representative of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii to serve as members. (See Appendix B for a complete list of Task Force Member.)
Transition of the Prompt Payment Task Force to the Government Contracting Task Force - Actions Taken During the 2012 Legislative Interim

Following the transition of Comptroller Bruce Coppa to the Office of the Governor, Senator Carol Fukunaga served as acting chair of the Task Force. Following Senator Fukunaga's transition to the Honolulu City Council, Senator David Ige served as the acting chair. All participants in the SCR 28 Prompt Payment Task Force discussions were invited to be members of the Government Contracting Task Force. Pursuant to S.C.R. 40, the Task Force also added additional members. A list of the government contracting task force members is available in Appendix B.

Following the Regular Session of 2012, the Task Force reconvened in a series of public meetings between September and December 2012, specifically on September 5, October 9, November 14, and December 12. All public meetings were held at the State Capitol. A quorum of the members was present at each meeting. During these meetings, the Task Force narrowed the scope of the items to be studied, established a methodology to study those items, and developed recommendations.

During October to December 2012, a working group was established to develop recommendations for the Task Force.

Scope of Study

S.C.R. 40 (2012) built upon the tasks assigned to the Prompt Payment Task Force established pursuant to S.C.R. 28 (2011) by more specifically outlining what issues the renamed Task Force should study along with setting forth the scope as follows:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force is requested to develop recommendations to address issues that affect procurement for goods and services purchased through nonprofit organizations, including human service nonprofit organizations that deliver pivotal goods and services to individuals, families, communities, and other small businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing these recommendations, the government contracting task force is requested to:

(1) Examine state contracting from the initial planning phase through service delivery, and issues relating to payment when invoices are submitted;

(2) Identify areas that can be simplified and standardized between government agencies, the State Procurement Office, the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of the Attorney General, and the parties contracted to deliver services; and

(3) Develop the scope of a "dashboard" demonstration project that utilizes designated contract areas in the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to test business process improvements or other approaches to streamline the contracting process, with the goal of clarifying problem areas and solutions for government agencies and the parties contracted to provide services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force, upon the request of the Legislature, participate in a joint informational briefing to discuss its report;

Preliminary Findings and Recommendations to the Legislature

Although the procurement process for services provided under Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes is clear, there are other factors that may exacerbate the planning, procuring, contracting and payment processes. Factors that impact State agencies may include funding and allocation constraints, limited staffing, staff training and implementing procedures to streamline departmental processes for procurement, contracting and payments. On the other hand, factors that impact the non-profit organizations may include limited staffing and training to familiarize
staff with the policies and requirements involved in the State procurement, contracting and payment processes.

There is an overriding need to create consistent, standardized policies, procedures, processes, training, and technology across the Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, business processes for departments, agencies, vendors, and contractors. Implementation of a dashboard would increase payment efficiency by tracking payment status, identifying deficiencies in invoicing, and measuring performance.

The task force recommends the following:

1. The term Task Force should be extended to June 30, 2013;
2. The Legislature should adopt the attached concurrent resolution (Appendix C);
3. The recommendations of the working group should be adopted including first establishing a lead identity or governance council to govern the dashboard, which should then work toward the other recommendations of the working group including:
   a. The provision of coordinated training for departments and providers;
   b. The standardization and simplification of the best practices;
   c. The standardization of interpretation requirements across contracts, invoices, deliverables, reporting and processes;
   d. The review and possible streamlining of budget execution policies;
(e) The establishment of collaborative communication and
coordination across departments, divisions, providers for
contracting, payments, and deliverables;

(f) The development and implementation of interdepartmental sharing
of best practices for contracting and payment; and

(g) The development, implementation, and sharing of contracting best
practices among non-profits.

Reference Materials

Collaborations for Government-Nonprofit Contracting Reform Preliminary Report:
November 2012, National Council of Non Profits
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROMPT PAYMENT TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND RESOLVE ISSUES THAT PREVENT STATE AGENCIES FROM MAKING PROMPT PAYMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED THROUGH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY HUMAN SERVICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, THAT DELIVER PIVOTAL GOODS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, nationally, state and local governments contract with nonprofit organizations – particularly human service organizations – to deliver pivotal services to individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in October 2010, the Urban Institute released three related reports, including a "National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracting, State Profiles", which outlined a variety of problems faced by these nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, nationally, nearly thirty-three thousand human service providers had almost two hundred thousand government contracts in 2009; and

WHEREAS, despite the prevalence and importance of government contracting, most nonprofits experienced some problems with their government contracts and grants; and

WHEREAS, key problems included payments not covering full program costs, complex and time-consuming applications and reporting, changes to contractual and grant agreements, and late payments; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one hundred and sixty-one human service nonprofits provided services to state and county government in 2009, and fifty per cent of the nonprofits reported problems with late payments, which is substantially higher than the national average of forty-one per cent; and
WHEREAS, nonprofits are not alone in dealing with the problems outlined in the Urban Institute data; and

WHEREAS, small businesses that contract with governments report the same concerns and face the same negative consequences, and both nonprofits and businesses struggle to make ends meet in an economy that continues to falter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Comptroller is requested to establish a prompt payment task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to invite the initial members of the task force, including at least one member from each of the following:

(1) The State Procurement Office of the Department of Accounting and General Services;

(2) The Department of Budget and Finance;

(3) The Department of Health;

(4) The Department of Human Services;

(5) The Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations;

(6) The Building Industry Association of Hawaii or The Pacific Resource Partnership;

(7) The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology;

(8) The Senate Committee on Human Services;

(9) The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs;

(10) The House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business;
(11) The House of Representatives Committee on Human Services; and

(12) The House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prompt payment task force is requested to examine and resolve issues that prevent state agencies from making prompt payment for goods and services purchased through nonprofit organizations, particularly human service nonprofit organizations, that deliver pivotal goods and services to individuals, families, and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prompt payment task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prompt payment task force, upon the request of the Legislature, participate in a joint informational briefing to discuss its report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller; the Administrator of the State Procurement Office, Department of Accounting and General Services; the Director of Finance; the Director of Health; the Director of Human Services; the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; the President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii; the Executive Director of The Pacific Resource Partnership; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Services; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs; the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business; the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Human Services; and the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RENAMING OF AND THE EXTENSION OF THE PROMPT PAYMENT TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT AFFECT PROCUREMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED THROUGH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING HUMAN SERVICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER PIVOTAL GOODS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, nationally, state and local governments contract with nonprofit organizations — particularly human service organizations — to deliver pivotal services to individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in October 2010, the Urban Institute released three related reports, including a "National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracting, State Profiles", which outlined a variety of problems faced by these nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, key problems included payments not covering full program costs, complex and time-consuming applications and reporting, changes to contractual and grant agreements, and late payments; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one hundred sixty-one human service nonprofits provided services to state and county government in 2009, and fifty per cent of the nonprofits reported problems with late payments, which is substantially higher than the national average of forty-one per cent; and

WHEREAS, small businesses that contract with governments report the same concerns and face the same negative consequences, and both nonprofits and businesses struggle to make ends meet in an economy that has faltered; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, S.D. 2, in 2011, the Comptroller established a prompt
payment task force and invited as initial members of the task force, at least one member from each of the following:

1. The State Procurement Office of the Department of Accounting and General Services;
2. The Department of Budget and Finance;
3. The Department of Health;
4. The Department of Human Services;
5. The Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations;
6. The Building Industry Association of Hawaii or The Pacific Resource Partnership;
7. The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology;
8. The Senate Committee on Human Services;
9. The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs;
10. The House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business;
11. The House of Representatives Committee on Human Services; and
12. The House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the prompt payment task force has held at least three meetings since August 2011, and the chairs of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business assumed responsibility for co-chairing the task force after the Comptroller's transition to the Office of the Governor in September 2011; and

WHEREAS, while the prompt payment task force has identified a number of areas of concern, the members have determined that
further work by the task force is necessary to complete the
tasks requested in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, S.D. 2; 
and

WHEREAS, in addition, recommendations of the task force
will benefit from pilot projects involving the use of
"dashboard" and other information technology infrastructure
enhancements proposed for implementation in 2012; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
House of Representatives concurring, that the prompt payment
task force is requested to be renamed as the government
contracting task force and extended until December 31, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State's Chief Information
Officer, a representative of the Department of Accounting and
General Services contracting services, and a representative of
The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii be invited to serve as members
of the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task
force is requested to develop recommendations to address issues
that affect procurement for goods and services purchased through
nonprofit organizations, including human service nonprofit
organizations that deliver pivotal goods and services to
individuals, families, communities, and other small businesses;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing these
recommendations, the government contracting task force is
requested to:

(1) Examine state contracting from the initial planning
phase through service delivery, and issues relating to
payment when invoices are submitted;

(2) Identify areas that can be simplified and standardized
between government agencies, the State Procurement
Office, the Department of Accounting and General
Services, the Department of the Attorney General, and
the parties contracted to deliver services; and
(3) Develop the scope of a "dashboard" demonstration project that utilizes designated contract areas in the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to test business process improvements or other approaches to streamline the contracting process, with the goal of clarifying problem areas and solutions for government agencies and the parties contracted to provide services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force, upon the request of the Legislature, participate in a joint informational briefing to discuss its report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor; the Chief Information Officer; the Attorney General; the Comptroller; the Administrator of the State Procurement Office, Department of Accounting and General Services; the Director of Finance; the Director of Health; the Director of Human Services; the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; the President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii; the Executive Director of The Pacific Resource Partnership; the President of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Services; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs; the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business; the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Human Services; and the Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.
Appendix B

Members of the task force, in alphabetical order, were:

(1) Sharon Abe, Chief, Administrative Services Office, Department of Health*
(2) Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia, CIO, Office of Information Management & Technology
(3) John Cheung, Owner CC Engineering, Building Industry Association of Hawaii**
(4) Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senator, Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Services
(5) Will Espero, Senator, Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Senate Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs
(6) Aaron Fujioka, Administrator, State Procurement Office of the Department of Accounting and General Services
(7) Carol Fukunaga, Senator, Chair of the Senate Committee Economic Development & Technology***
(8) Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General****
(9) Edwin Igarashi, Fiscal Management Officer, Department of Human Services
(10) David Ige, Senator, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means***
(11) Lisa Maruyama, President & CEO, Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations
(12) Cindy McMillan, Legislative Liaison, Pacific Resource Partnership**
(13) Sherry Menor-McNamara, COO Senior VP Government Affairs, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
(14) John Mizuno, Representative, Chair of the House Committee on Human Services
(15) Dean Seki, Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services
(16) Keith Yamamoto, Deputy Director, Department of Health*
(17) Kalbert Young, Director, Department of Budget and Finance
(18) A member of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
(19) A member of the House Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee

*S. Sharon Abe represented the Department of Health at the October 9, 2012 and November 14, 2012 meetings. Keith Yamamoto represented the Department of Health at the September 5, 2012 meeting. Both were present at the December 12, 2012 meeting.


***David Ige succeeded Carol Fukunaga.

****Blair Goto was added as a member at the December 12, 2012 meeting.
THE	TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013	STATE OF HAWAII

C.R. NO.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE EXTENSION OF THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT AFFECT PROCUREMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED THROUGH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING HUMAN SERVICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER PIVOTAL GOODS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, nationally, state and local governments contract with nonprofit organizations—particularly human service organizations—to deliver pivotal services to individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in October 2010, the Urban Institute released three related reports, including a "National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracting, State Profiles", which outlined a variety of problems faced by these nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, key problems included payments not covering full program costs, complex and time-consuming applications and reporting, changes to contractual and grant agreements, and late payments; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one hundred sixty-one human service nonprofit organizations provided services to state and county government in 2009, and fifty per cent of the nonprofit organizations reported problems with late payments, which is substantially higher than the national average of forty-one per cent; and

WHEREAS, small businesses that contract with government agencies report the same concerns and face the same negative consequences, and both nonprofit organizations and businesses struggle to make ends meet in an economy that has faltered; and

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WHEREAS, upon adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, S.D. 2, in 2011, the Comptroller established a prompt payment task force and invited the initial members of the task force; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 in 2012, the prompt payment task force was renamed the government contracting task force, had its term extended, and its scope narrowed; and

WHEREAS, the government contracting task force has held at least four meetings since September 2012; and

WHEREAS, while the government contracting task force identified a number of areas of concern, the members have determined that further work by the task force is necessary to complete the tasks requested in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 (2012); and

WHEREAS, in addition, recommendations of the task force will benefit from pilot projects involving the use of "dashboard" and other information technology infrastructure enhancements proposed for implementation in 2013; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the concurring, that the government contracting task force is extended until June 30, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the government contracting task force are invited to remain and serve as members and that the chairperson of the task force may invite other members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force is requested to finalize recommendations that were initially recommended in the task force's 2012 interim report to the 2013 legislature to address issues that affect procurement for goods and services purchased through nonprofit organizations, including human service nonprofit organizations that deliver pivotal goods and services to individuals, families, communities, and other small businesses; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in finalizing these recommendations, the government contracting task force is requested to:

(1) Report on its examination of state contracting processes from the initial planning phase through service delivery, and issues relating to payment when invoices are submitted;

(2) Make recommendations on processes that can be simplified and standardized between government agencies, the State Procurement Office, the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of the Attorney General, and the parties contracted to deliver services; and

(3) Evaluate the "dashboard" demonstration project that utilizes designated contract areas in the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to test business process improvements or other approaches and make recommendations to streamline the contracting process, with the goal of clarifying problem areas and solutions for government agencies and the parties contracted to provide services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than June 30, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government contracting task force, upon the request of the Legislature, participate in a joint informational briefing to discuss its report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor; the Chief Information Officer; the Attorney General; the Comptroller; the Administrator of the State Procurement Office, Department of Accounting and General Services; the Director of Finance; the Director of Health; the Director of Human Services; the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; the President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii; the
Executive Director of The Pacific Resource Partnership; the President of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Housing; the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Human Services; the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs; the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business; the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on Human Services; and the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

OFFERED BY: __________________________