
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROCUREMENT
WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE AND
RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii state procurement code and its
2 accompanying administrative rules encompass a complex process
3 for soliciting and awarding public contracts; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of the complexities of the state procurement
6 code result in needless delays in the awarding of contracts that
7 often result in the failure to provide needed services and
8 facilities to Hawaii's residents in a timely manner; and
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10 WHEREAS, the state procurement code should be streamlined,
11 where possible, to adapt to economic emergency situations, such
12 as the current recession, that may require the speedy awarding
13 of contracts financed by federal stimulus funds; and
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15 WHEREAS, the state procurement code should be a vehicle for
16 providing an economic advantage to local agriculture producers,
17 local manufacturers and suppliers, and the local workforce; and
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19 WHEREAS, the state procurement code is in need of review to
20 find efficiencies and improve the overall effectiveness of the
21 procurement process; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office has testified that
24 the state procurement code is in need of review and that it
25 plans on submitting a measure for consideration in the 2010
26 Regular Session, which would benefit from review by a joint
27 legislative procurement working group; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature is

1 requested to form a joint legislative procurement working group
2 to evaluate the state procurement code and recommend
3 improvements; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative
6 procurement working group is requested to select a chairperson
7 from its membership and consider the following persons as
8 members:
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- 10 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives,
11 consisting of three members from the majority party
12 and one member from the minority party, who are
13 requested to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives;
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- 16 (2) Four members of the Senate, consisting of three
17 members from the majority party and one member from
18 the minority party, who are requested to be appointed
19 by the President of the Senate;
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- 21 (3) The State Procurement Administrator, or the
22 Administrator's designee;
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- 24 (4) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
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- 26 (5) A representative of the Procurement Policy Board under
27 section 103D-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who is
28 requested to be selected by the Comptroller;
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- 30 (6) Each county's chief procurement officer or designee;
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- 32 (7) Professor Danielle Conway-Jones, of the Hawaii
33 Procurement Institute housed at the William S.
34 Richardson School of Law;
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- 36 (8) A representative of the General Contractors
37 Association of Hawaii;
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- 39 (9) A representative of the Subcontractors Association of
40 Hawaii; and
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- 42 (10) Five procurement practitioners, selected by the
43 chairperson, including representatives from federal,

1 state, and county procurement offices and procurement
2 attorneys; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
5 and General Services is requested to provide necessary
6 administrative professional, technical, and clerical support to
7 the working group; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the joint
10 legislative procurement working group are requested to serve
11 without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative
14 procurement working group is requested to review any legislation
15 prepared for the 2010 Regular Session by the State Procurement
16 Office and comment upon it; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative
19 procurement working group is requested to report any findings
20 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation whether
21 separately proposed or proposed together with the State
22 Procurement Office, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
23 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
26 to dissolve on June 30, 2010; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House
30 of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the State
31 Procurement Administrator, the Comptroller, the Chairperson of
32 the Procurement Policy Board, the Dean and Professor Danielle
33 Conway-Jones of the William S. Richardson School of Law, the
34 mayor of each county, the General Contractors Association of
35 Hawaii, and the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii.