

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1702

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1297  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1297, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify certain requirements of the Hawaii Public Procurement Code.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Sets a time limit for submitting bid protests;
- (2) Applies the seventy-five-day limit for issuing a written decision on protests to any contract awarded by a competitive sealed bid or competitive sealed proposal;  
and
- (3) Caps the protest bond amount.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, State Procurement Office, and General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committees received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii.



Your Committees received written comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committees find that procurement challenges often lead to project delays, lapsing funds, and increased project costs. Your Committees further find that a bid protest bond serves as a safeguard, providing a financial guarantee to deter frivolous protests and uphold the integrity of the procurement process. Your Committees recognize that this measure will streamline the challenge process, clarify the timeframe for protests of all procurement contracts, and cap the amount of protest bonds, thereby improving efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the procurement process.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1297, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Ways and Means  
and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB1297 HDI SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>GVD, WAM/JDC</b>	Date: <b>4/1/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			<del>80</del>
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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