A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 103D-310, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§103D-310 Responsibility of offerors. (a) Unless the
- 4 policy board, by rules, specifies otherwise, before submitting
- 5 an offer, a prospective offeror, not less than ten calendar days
- 6 prior to the day designated for opening offers, shall give
- 7 written notice of the intention to submit an offer to the
- 8 procurement officer responsible for that particular procurement.
- 9 (b) Whether or not an intention to bid is required, the
- 10 procurement officer shall determine whether the prospective
- 11 offeror has the financial ability, resources, skills,
- 12 capability, and business integrity necessary to perform the
- 13 work. For this purpose, the officer, in the officer's
- 14 discretion, may require any prospective offeror to submit
- 15 answers, under oath, to questions contained in a standard form
- 16 of questionnaire to be prepared by the policy board. Whenever
- 17 it appears from answers to the questionnaire or otherwise, that

- 1 the prospective offeror is not fully qualified and able to
- 2 perform the intended work, a written determination of
- 3 nonresponsibility of an offeror shall be made by the head of the
- 4 purchasing agency, in accordance with rules adopted by the
- 5 policy board. The unreasonable failure of an offeror to
- 6 promptly supply information in connection with an inquiry with
- 7 respect to responsibility may be grounds for a determination of
- 8 no responsibility with respect to such offeror. The decision of
- 9 the head of the purchasing agency shall be final unless the
- 10 offeror applies for administrative review pursuant to section
- 11 103D-709.
- 12 (c) All offerors, upon award of contract, shall comply
- 13 with all laws governing entities doing business in the [State,]
- 14 state, including chapters 237, 383, 386, 392, and 393. Offerors
- 15 shall produce documents to the procuring officer to demonstrate
- 16 compliance with this subsection. Any offeror making a false
- 17 affirmation or certification under this subsection shall be
- 18 suspended from further offerings or awards pursuant to section
- 19 103D-702. The procuring officer shall verify compliance with
- 20 this subsection for all contracts awarded pursuant to sections
- 21 103D-302, 103D-303, 103D-304, and 103D-306; provided that the
- 22 attorney general may waive the requirements of this subsection

- 1 for contracts for legal services if the attorney general
- 2 certifies in writing that comparable legal services are not
- 3 available in this [State.] state.
- 4 (d) Any false information or misrepresentation knowingly
- 5 placed in the solicitation of an offeror or a subcontractor
- 6 shall be a basis for not awarding the contract to the offeror or
- 7 the subcontractor, and the chief procurement officer shall apply
- 8 the provisions of section 103D-702; provided that a one year
- 9 mandatory suspension from consideration for awards under this
- 10 chapter shall be imposed.
- 11 [(d)] (e) Information furnished by an offeror pursuant to
- 12 [this section] subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall not be
- 13 disclosed to any person except to law enforcement agencies as
- 14 provided by chapter 92F."
- 15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Procurement; False Information; Sanctions

Description:

Subjects offerors or subcontractors who intentionally use false information or misrepresentations to obtain a procurement contract to sanctions including the rejection of the solicitation and a one year mandatory suspension from consideration for procurement awards. (SB2867 HD1)