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## SENATE 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; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
25 that this body is requested to form a joint legislative  
26 procurement working group to evaluate the state procurement code  
27 and recommend improvements; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative  
30 procurement working group is requested to select a chairperson  
31 from its membership and consider the following persons as  
32 members:  
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- (1) Four members of the House of Representatives, consisting of three members from the majority party and one member from the minority party, who are requested to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) Four members of the Senate, consisting of three members from the majority party and one member from the minority party, who are requested to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) The State Procurement Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;
- (4) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
- (5) A representative of the Procurement Policy Board under section 103D-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who is requested to be selected by the Comptroller;
- (6) Each county's chief procurement officer or designee;
- (7) A representative of the Hawaii Procurement Institute at the William S. Richardson School of Law, who is requested to be selected by the Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law;
- (8) Professor Danielle Conway-Jones, of the William S. Richardson School of Law, is requested to serve on, or address the working group, or both; and
- (9) Five procurement practitioners, selected by the Chairperson, including representatives from federal, state, and county procurement offices and procurement attorneys; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to provide necessary administrative professional, technical, and clerical support to the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the joint legislative procurement working group are requested to serve without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative  
3 procurement working group is requested to report any findings  
4 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
5 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
6 the regular session of 2010; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
9 to dissolve itself on June 30, 2010; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, the President of the Senate, the State  
14 Procurement Administrator, the Comptroller, the Chairperson of  
15 the Procurement Policy Board, the Dean and Professor Danielle  
16 Conway-Jones of the William S. Richardson School of Law, and the  
17 mayor of each county.  
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