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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

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

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

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

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,

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

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:



- 1 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives,
2 consisting of three members from the majority party
3 and one member from the minority party, who are
4 requested to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
5 of Representatives;
- 6 (2) Four members of the Senate, consisting of three
7 members from the majority party and one member from
8 the minority party, who are requested to be appointed
9 by the President of the Senate;
- 10 (3) The State Procurement Administrator, or the
11 Administrator's designee;
- 12 (4) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
- 13 (5) A representative of the Procurement Policy Board under
14 section 103D-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who is
15 requested to be selected by the Comptroller;
- 16 (6) Each county's chief procurement officer or designee;
- 17 (7) A representative of the Hawaii Procurement Institute
18 at the William S. Richardson School of Law, who is
19 requested to be selected by the Dean of the William S.
20 Richardson School of Law;
- 21 (8) Professor Danielle Conway-Jones, of the William S.
22 Richardson School of Law, is requested to serve on, or
23 address the working group, or both; and
- 24 (9) Five procurement practitioners, selected by the
25 Chairperson, including representatives from federal,
26 state, and county procurement offices and procurement
27 attorneys; and

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

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the joint
42 legislative procurement working group are requested to serve
43 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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