A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

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

- SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide an incentive for companies bidding on State and county contracts to hire the disabled veterans by establishing a procurement preference.

 SECTION 2. Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:
- 8 "S103D- Preference for employment of veterans with
- 9 <u>disabilities.</u> (a) When a governmental body contracts for
- 10 goods, services, or construction, a preference shall be given to
- 11 a bidder who pledges to hire veterans with disabilities;
- 12 provided that the veterans with disabilities are employed for
- 13 the duration of the contract.
- 14 (b) The preference amount shall be equal to the percentage
- of individuals employed by the bidder who are veterans with
- 16 disabilities and shall be subtracted from the offer for
- 17 <u>selection purposes only; provided that:</u>



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| 1 | <u>(1)</u> . | The preference amount shall not exceed five per cent |
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| 2 | , | of the bid price; and |
| 3 | (2) | Part-time employees who are veterans with disabilities |
| 4 | | shall be counted in proportion to the number of hours |
| 5 | | they work in a forty-hour work week. |
| 6 | <u>(c)</u> | The department of human services shall establish a |
| 7 | registry | of veterans with disabilities who are seeking |
| 8 | employmen | t and who a responsive and responsible offeror may |
| 9 | employ; p | rovided that the department of human services first |
| 10 | obtains the authorization of the veterans before including them | |
| 11 | in the registry. | |
| 12 | <u>(d)</u> | For purposes of this section, "veteran with |
| 13 | disabilit | ies" means a veteran who has a physical or mental |
| 14 | impairmen | t that substantially limits one or more major life |
| 15 | activities, including a veteran who the department of health, | |
| 16 | department of human services, or a physician licensed under | |
| 17 | chapter 453 determines to be disabled. A "veteran" means a | |
| 18 | person who has served in the active duty military including the | |
| 19 | army, navy, air force, marines or Coast Guard and who was | |
| 20 | discharge | d or released from his or her service under conditions |
| 21 | other tha | n dishonorable. |

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| 1 | (e) The policy board shall adopt rules under chapter 91 to |
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| 2 | establish procedures consistent with this section. |
| 3 | SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. |
| 4 | SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012. |
| 5 | INTRODUCED BY: RUCINQ |

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Report Title:

Procurement Code; Employment Preference

Description:

Establishes a preference to bidders who employ veterans with disabilities.

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