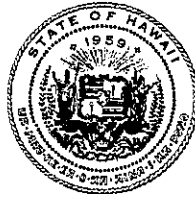


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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
APRIL 21, 2015, 1:15 P.M.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 204

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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 204. The State Procurement Office (SPO) SUPPORTS this measure with comments.

On page 1, lines 5 to 8, the resolution states there are twenty-one (21) procurement jurisdictions under the direction of individual Chief Procurement Officers (CPO). But, on page 1, lines 22 to 27, it states that the Chief Procurement Officer, singular, is requested to conduct a comprehensive study of each of the individual procurement jurisdictions. The resolution is ambiguous and does not state which Chief Procurement Officer is required to conduct the study. The reality is that there are twenty-one Chief Procurement Officers and the State Procurement Administrator has the duty of 'periodic review of the procurement practices of all governmental bodies' (HRS103D-206).

If the intent of this bill is to have the Administrator of the SPO conduct the study, SPO would have to rely on the various Chief Procurement Officer's submitting this information on their own accord. The SPO does not have adequate resources to collect the current status of our entire decentralized purchasing system, and would need additional resources to assist in assessing the data once collected. However, SPO recognizes there are great discrepancies in the numbers and skills of the current procurement workforce and that a workforce that has no plan will not sufficiently support the state agencies and departments in their mission.

Accordingly, without required funding, the SPO recommends a 'data call' to the CPOs in order to collect this information as a report for next Legislature to discuss further needs via a bill that is accompanied with appropriation.

Based on no additional resources, the SPO recommends the following changes to this Resolution:

WHEREAS, Hawaii's decentralized State procurement system consists of the Chief State Procurement Administrator ~~Officer~~ who assists, advises and guides government bodies in matters relating to procurement; oversees for twenty-one procurement jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, each of the twenty-one procurement jurisdictions are under the direction of individual chief procurement officers and administers all contracts with city, state, and federal governments throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, each individual procurement jurisdiction has numerous assigned employees with different job titles and experience; and

WHEREAS, each individual procurement jurisdiction has a variety of contracts to award and monitor with different degrees of detail and associated tasks; and

WHEREAS, each individual procurement jurisdiction may not be adequately staffed to meet the mandates of the contract award and contract monitoring requirements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Chief State Procurement Administrator ~~Officer~~ is requested to ~~conduct a comprehensive study collect information on~~ each of the individual procurement jurisdictions including, but not limited to, the following areas:

(1) A breakout of each procurement jurisdiction to identify activities of each division within a large State department;

(2) The current number of staffed positions and job titles within each procurement jurisdiction;

(3) The identification of vacant positions within each procurement jurisdiction and status of recruitment;

(4) The ~~current~~ average annual number of contracts assigned to each procurement office;

(5) The current level of contract oversight required during the entire procurement process, ~~such as quality monitoring for compliance versus simple bundling and processing of documents with quality compliance oversight assigned to other sections within the applicable State department;~~ and

(6) The staffing recommendations needed to bring each procurement jurisdiction up to satisfactory performance levels; and . . .

Thank you.

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