

SCR190/SR125

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO INVENTORY ALL OPEN CONTRACTS SINCE 2010 TO THE PRESENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES AND ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH CLOSING AND RESOLVING ANY DISPUTES.

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March 31, 2015

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, President

Subject: SCR 190/SR 125 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES TO INVENTORY ALL OPEN CONTRACTS SINCE 2010 TO
THE PRESENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES AND ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH
CLOSING AND RESOLVING ANY DISPUTES.

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii. The SAH represents the following nine separate and distinct contracting trade organizations.

HAWAII FLOORING ASSOCIATION

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PACIFIC INSULATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

We support the intent of this Resolution. We are not sure what kind of resources DAGS would require in order to do this however we do know that the need is urgent and important.

It was not too long ago that we had a member actually tell us that they just received the final accounting in 2015 for a job that they had done in 2004. We don't have the particulars as to why that took so long however we think it is certainly inexcusable for a job to take that long meaning that individuals and perhaps even the prime contractor were not paid their retention amounts as a result, the subs were not paid their retention amounts. We would also suggest that after DAGS does this inventory that it also be required to report on the various reasons that jobs are not closed and perhaps that would allow us then to identify the problem areas and possible problem solutions.

Based on the above we support this Resolution as ask for your support.

Thank you.

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Government Operations Tuesday, March 31, 2015

1:30 p.m.

State Capitol - Conference Room 414

RE: S.C.R. 190 and S.R. 125. REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO INVENTORY ALL OPEN CONTRACTS SINCE 2010 TO THE PRESENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES AND ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH CLOSING AND RESOLVING ANY DISPUTES

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** S.C.R. 190 and S.R. 125, which request the Department of Accounting and General Services to inventory all open contracts since 2010 to the present for all state agencies and assist the agencies with closing and resolving any disputes.

We believe that reliable and predictable procurement processes provide the building industry and the community with the certainty necessary for a healthy and productive economy and greater government transparency, enhancing the public trust. Such a program undertaken by the Department of Accounting and General Services would be an important step to rebuilding faith in the system and clearing the way for future public projects in the interest of the people. Furthermore, such a project represents an excellent opportunity to share best practices and to learn from the experiences of each agency, cultivating innovation and efficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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March 27, 2015

TO: HONORABLE DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR, HONORABLE CLARENCE NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SCR 190/SR 125: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO INVENTORY ALL OPEN CONTRACTS SINCE 2010 TO THE PRESENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES AND ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH CLOSING AND RESOLVING ANY DISPUTES.**

HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 27, 2015
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over approximately hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

SCR 190 requests the Department of Accounting and General Services to review and inventory all open contracts since 2010 for all state agencies and assist in closing and resolving any disputes. Contracts that fail to be closed due to various reasons require attention to ensure that both the agency and contractor are performing as expected. The inventory and review of all open contracts will provide some insight as to some of the delays that may be hindering final payments.

GCA supports initiatives that will ensure efficiency and transparency in the procurement of public works. SCR 190 would provide some information and data to identify areas that may need improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to share comments on this measure.