

Honolulu, Hawaii

**March 18**, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2495  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2495, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the effectiveness,  
efficiency, and accountability of the procurement process.  
Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires every government procurement officer to attend  
initial training by the State Procurement Office prior  
to participating in or authorizing any procurement;
- (2) Requires the procurement workforce of any governmental  
body to attend follow-up training and development  
sessions, as determined by the State Procurement Office,  
and, if unable to attend a follow-up or development  
session, receive written permission from the State  
Procurement Office in order to be excused from a  
session;
- (3) Requires the State Procurement Office to conduct  
mandatory follow-up training and development sessions at  
regular intervals of at least once every twelve months;



- (4) Requires the Chief Procurement Officer, or the Officer's designee, of each jurisdiction to annually submit, in the form and manner prescribed by the State Procurement Office, a list of the jurisdiction's procurement officers and which procurement officers, if any, have failed to comply with training requirements;
- (5) Prohibits procurement by a procurement officer who fails to submit the officer's name and evidence of training compliance to the State Procurement Office; and
- (6) Appropriates funds to the State Procurement Office to implement training of the procurement workforce of the State.

The State Procurement Office and Department of Education testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Human Resources Development provided comments.

Training in the procurement of services is a cornerstone to improving the procurement process statewide. A strong training program for the State's procurement officers is an essential component in the delivery of procurement knowledge and skills to enable better, more effective, efficient, and successful procurements. Your Committee finds that developing a more proficient workforce of procurement professionals through effective training will allow government agencies to better expend public funds in a manner that is compliant with applicable statutes, rules, and policies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to February 19, 2022, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee on Economic Development & Business respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$150,000 for the implementation of full-training for the procurement workforce of the State to be conducted by the State Procurement Office.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2495, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2495, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Chair



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