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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that principals of public  
2 schools in the State only have signing authority on purchases  
3 under \$5,000. This amount has not been adjusted for years and  
4 the reasoning for the previous cap no longer makes sense as  
5 inflation has made goods, services, and construction more  
6 expensive. Allowing principals to enter into contracts to  
7 purchase goods, services, and construction at a higher amount  
8 will provide greater efficiency and allow individual schools to  
9 get the goods, services, and construction in a timely manner.

10       The purpose of this Act is to allow principals to enter  
11 into contracts to purchase goods, services, and construction  
12 valued at less than \$25,000.

13       SECTION 2. Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16       "§103D-     Department of education; purchasing power of  
17 school principals.   Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the



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1 principal of a department of education school shall have  
2 authority to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods,  
3 services, and construction when such goods, services, or  
4 construction is valued at less than \$25,000; provided that for  
5 purposes of this section "department of education school" means  
6 any school that falls within the definition of "public schools",  
7 as that term is defined in section 302A-101, and is not a  
8 charter school."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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**Report Title:**

Procurement; Principals; Power to Enter Contracts

**Description:**

Allows a principal of a public school to enter into contracts for goods, services, and construction valued at less than \$25,000.

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