



GOV. MSG. NO. 1352

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 6, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 6, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1329 SD2 HD3 CD1

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT  
**ACT 224 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under the State's  
2 procurement code, an aggrieved party that submitted a bid for a  
3 state project that was not awarded the bid may protest the bid  
4 award. The legislature further finds that the procurement  
5 protest review process can be lengthy, causing project delays,  
6 thereby increasing project costs that are borne by taxpayers.  
7 Thus, it is imperative that the review process for protests is  
8 completed in a timely manner to reduce the cost of state  
9 projects. Establishing a deadline for bid protests to be  
10 reviewed and resolved would expedite the protest review process  
11 and reduce costly delays on major construction contracts and  
12 airport contracts.

13           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 14           (1) Require the chief procurement officer or designee to
- 15                 address protests as expeditiously as possible;
- 16           (2) Establish time limits to resolve the protests of
- 17                 construction contracts and airport contracts that are
- 18                 awarded pursuant to section 103D-302 or 103D 303,



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that are not resolved by  
2 mutual agreement; and

3 (3) Amend the cash or protest bond amount for a party  
4 initiating an administrative proceeding for review of  
5 a decision on the solicitation or award of a  
6 competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed  
7 proposal contract.

8 SECTION 2. Section 103D-701, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

10 "(c) The chief procurement officer or a designee shall  
11 resolve any protest as expeditiously as possible. If the  
12 protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the chief  
13 procurement officer or a designee shall [~~promptly~~] issue a  
14 written decision [~~in writing~~] to uphold or deny the protest.

15 The decision shall:

- 16 (1) State the reasons for the action taken; and
- 17 (2) Inform the protestor of the protestor's right to an  
18 administrative proceeding as provided in this part, if  
19 applicable.

20 If the protest of a construction contract or airport contract  
21 that is awarded pursuant to section 103D-302 or 103D-303 is not



1 resolved by mutual agreement, the chief procurement officer or a  
2 designee shall issue a written decision to uphold or deny the  
3 protest within seventy-five calendar days of receipt of the  
4 protest; provided that the chief procurement officer or a  
5 designee may grant an extension based on written justification  
6 of the extenuating circumstances; provided further that the  
7 extension shall not exceed forty-five calendar days."

8 SECTION 3. Section 103D-709, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 "(e) The party initiating a proceeding falling within  
11 subsection (d) shall pay to the department of commerce and  
12 consumer affairs a cash or protest bond in the amount of [+  
13 ~~(1) \$1,000 for a contract with an estimated value of less~~  
14 ~~than \$500,000;~~  
15 ~~(2) \$2,000 for a contract with an estimated value of~~  
16 ~~\$500,000 or more, but less than \$1,000,000; or~~  
17 ~~(3) One half] one per cent of the estimated value of the~~  
18 ~~contract [if the estimated value of the contract is~~  
19 ~~\$1,000,000 or more; provided that in no event shall~~  
20 ~~the required amount of the cash or protest bond be~~  
21 ~~more than \$10,000].~~



1           If the initiating party prevails in the administrative  
2 proceeding, the cash or protest bond shall be returned to that  
3 party. If the initiating party does not prevail in the  
4 administrative proceeding, the cash or protest bond shall be  
5 deposited into the general fund."

6           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 06 day of JUL , 2021




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1329, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives