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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 103D-701, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) Any actual or prospective bidder, offeror, or
- 4 contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation
- 5 or award of a contract may protest to the chief procurement
- 6 officer or a designee as specified in the solicitation. Prior
- 7 to submission of a protest, all parties shall use their best
- 8 efforts to resolve concerns raised by the protesting party at
- 9 the procurement officer level through open and frank
- 10 discussions. Except as provided in sections 103D-303 and
- 11 103D-304, a protest shall be submitted in writing within five
- 12 working days after the aggrieved person knows or should have
- 13 known of the facts giving rise thereto; provided that a protest
- 14 of an award or proposed award shall in any event be submitted in
- 15 writing within five working days after the posting of award of
- 16 the contract under section 103D-302 or 103D-303, if no request
- 17 for debriefing has been made, as applicable; provided further



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- 1 that no protest based upon the content of the solicitation shall
- 2 be considered unless it is submitted in writing prior to the
- 3 date set for the receipt of offers."
- 4 SECTION 2. Section 103F-501, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 6 "(b) The protest shall be submitted to the head of the
- 7 purchasing agency, in writing, within five working days after
- 8 the postmark date on the notice of award. Prior to submission
- 9 of a protest, all parties shall use their best efforts to
- 10 resolve concerns raised by the protesting party at the
- 11 procurement officer level through open and frank discussions."
- 12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

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### Description:

Requires parties to procurement protests to use best efforts to resolve issues at the procurement officer level before submission of a protest.

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