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TESTIMONY OF BONNIE KAHAKUI, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS JANUARY 27, 2022, 3:00 PM

SENATE BILL 2387 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Moriwaki, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 2387. The State Procurement Office (SPO) appreciates the intent of the bill and provides the following comments.

SB2387 proposes to add the following language to HRS §103D-308 Cancellation of invitations for bids or requests for proposals:

"...The reasons therefor shall be made part of the contract file <u>and publicly posted for a</u> <u>minimum of ten business days on an electronic notification system</u>."

HRS Chapter 103D, the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, is the single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly while providing fairness, open competition, a level playing field, government disclosure, and transparency in the procurement and contracting process vital to good government. Posting the cancellation reason, on an electronic notification system, will promote consistency, transparency, and efficiency in government.

Thank you.

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To: Committee on Government Operations Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

From: Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. ABC Hawaii Legislative Committee Chair.

Associated Builders and Contractors Hawaii Chapter's Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2387.

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, my name is Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. I am currently the Legislative Committee Chair of Associated Builders and Contractors, Hawaii Chapter which represents over 150 member companies in the Construction Industry. We also have a State Approved Trade Apprenticeship Program in the trades of Carpentry, Electrical, Painting, Plumbing and Roofing.

ABC Hawaii Supports this bill as it will go a long way to promote transparency in the procurement process. Revealing the justification for the cancellation of a solicitation will help bidders understand the challenges of an individual procurement and may help the process of fixing some of the challenges that come up in future procurements. We ask that this committee passes this bill out of committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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