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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

SENATE BILL 1138 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 1138. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports this bill as it provides clear guidance to purchasing agencies which documents shall not be disclosed at a debriefing. The SPO recommends amending SECTION 1, page 1, line 9 as follows:

"(h) In cases of awards made under this section, non-selected offerors may submit a written request for debriefing to the procurement officer within three working days after the posting of the award of the contract. Thereafter, the procurement officer shall provide the non-selected offeror a prompt debriefing but shall not disclose any competing offeror's proposal or evaluation scores, except the summary of scores, until after any protest is resolved and the contract is executed. Any protest by the non-selected offeror pursuant to section 103D-701 following debriefing shall be filed in writing with the procurement officer within five working days after the date upon which the debriefing is completed."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

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S.B. 1138 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

House Committee on Labor & Government Operations

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the bill amending Section 103D-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes, subsection (h), prohibiting a procurement officer from disclosing a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation score during a debriefing requested by a non-selected offeror; and authorizes the disclosure of a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation score after a protest is resolved and the contract is executed.

The addition of the proposed language amending the statute to explicitly state disclosure of any competing offeror's proposal or evaluation score is prohibited until after any protest is resolved and contract execution will provide clarification and clear understanding as to when it is appropriate for the release of the respective documents, in the event of an informal request or formal request for government record.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.