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**Committee:** GVO

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SCR74, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF NO-BID CONTRACTS ISSUED BY STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES UNDER PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING STATES OF EMERGENCY DURING THE SIX-YEAR PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECEMBER 31, 2025.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requesting The Auditor To Conduct An Audit Of No-bid Contracts Issued By State And County Agencies Under Proclamations Declaring States Of Emergency During The Six-year Period Between January 1, 2020, And December 31, 2025.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on SCR 74.

The Department understands the need for transparency and accountability in the use of public funds during emergency situations and the importance to review the use of no-bid contracts issued under emergency proclamations.

The resolution would help ensure that no-bid contracts were justified, however, the resolution as drafted is broad in audit scope and the Department would appreciate the Committee's consideration for parameters such as those no-bid contracts that continued over a certain period of time and/or were over a certain dollar value.

The Department remains committed to ethical procurement practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.