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HB 1322 – RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i is pleased to submit this testimony in support of HB 1322. This measure provides for a comprehensive analysis and review of the Hawai'i State Procurement Code, particularly with regard to the awarding of construction contracts.

The University of Hawai'i believes there are always opportunities for improvement to a complicated and sophisticated subject area, like procurement. To that end, we welcome the opportunity to work closely with our counterparts towards evaluating more optimum procurement methods, processes and procedures that could result in savings of time, money and effort. This is particularly important at a time when the university is facing a large deferred maintenance backlog. These efforts could enable us to make better use of the scarce resources available to renew, improve and modernize our facilities. We would be pleased to participate with the State Procurement Office and our fellow agencies in analyzing the current code and providing recommendations for improvement.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1322.