



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 2914 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to respectfully express concerns on behalf of the University of Hawai'i regarding SB 2914 SD1 HD1 – Relating to Procurement – which requires any governmental body that enters into a contract that is exempt from the State Procurement Code pursuant to Section 103D-102(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to report that contract to the State Procurement Office and Legislature.

Like other public agencies in the state, many purchasing transactions below a certain threshold are delegated to the field for efficiency and expediency purposes. Current and routine exempt purchases such as those for performances, including entertainment, speeches, and cultural and artistic presentations; opponents for athletic contests; research, reference and educational materials such as textbooks; goods and services for commercial resale; insurance purchases including broker services; interpreter services; court reporter services; and payment of dues or fees of organizations of which the State or its officers and employees are members, are examples of goods that will fall into the proposed reporting requirement. These transactions are statutorily identified as exempt because of the unique nature of the procurement, which brings efficiency to delivering higher education at the University of Hawai'i.

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