

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM** 

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2386 - RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2386 – Relating to Procurement. This bill exempts construction projects below the small purchase threshold from competitive procurement when it is not practical or beneficial to the State.

It is not uncommon for agencies to be presented with situations where it is neither practical nor advantageous to secure construction services via a competitive small purchase procurement. SB 2386 would provide all government agencies, including the University of Hawai'i, with an alternative that provides the flexibility to efficiently and prudently utilize state funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2386.