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Legislative Testimony

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SB 1129 SD2 – RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i opposes the SD2 version of SB 1129.

As originally introduced, SB 1129 raises the small purchase limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The University supports this version because it makes government operations more efficient.

The SD2 version of SB 1129 inserts an additional requirement that requires small purchases to comply with HRS Section 103D-302(b). HRS Section 103D-302 relates to competitive sealed bidding. By referencing this section, this measure would require all small purchases to comply with competitive sealed bidding requirements. This effectively negates the concept of a “small purchase” transaction and, instead, requires all transactions (regardless of dollar value) to comply with the competitive sealed bidding requirements. This unnecessarily complicates and burdens a small purchase transaction and makes government less efficient.

Based on the above, the University opposes the SD2 version of SB 1129. It does, however, support the original language of SB 1129.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1129 SD2.