

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for SB 1719 relates to sole source purchase contracts. The measure strikes the provision that prohibited a bidder from having been a party to efforts with a state agency or political subdivision, officials or others to create a sole source acquisition in contradiction to Section 2 of this act.

The measure also modifies requirements for substitution of certain items relating to sole source contracts by requiring that an item must be substantially equivalent in quality and performance, but only when the cost is less.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure clarifies sole-source procedures when a substitute item is considered to instances where the cost is less than the specified item. Also, provision for Attorney General approval of certain products prior to release for bidding is removed.

The removal of the Attorney General from the process may result in the avoidance of costs associated with an approval process.

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Other Considerations

None.