BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 1948 Version: ENGR

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Research Analysis

Engrossed SB 1948 excludes the professional services of certain physicians and information technology and telecommunication goods from the provisions of <u>Title 19 Section 1505</u>, which outlines the procedures to be used by counties for requisition, purchase, lease-purchase, or rental of supplies.

The measure also allows the county purchasing agent to purchase from subsequent bidders at or below the bid price if the awarded bidder is unable carry out the contract..

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1948 modifies county purchasing procedures to permit boards of county commissioners, rather than purchasing agents, to select certain new vendors in the event that such previously selected vendors are unable to perform. Further, the measure exempts professional services from county purchasing procedures and removes references to information technology and telecommunication goods.

In its current form, the measure is strictly procedural, and deals exclusively with county level purchasing procedures. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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