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Research Analysis

HB 3418 as introduced, modifies the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974.

Modifications include:

- Allowing public agencies to accept quotes in addition to bids for certain public construction contracts;
- Establishing that public improvement or public building construction contracts between \$10,000 and \$100,000 and construction management trade contracts up to \$50,000 are subject to a competitive bidding or competitive quote process;
- Establishing that public construction contracts for school districts with a contract price between \$25,000 and \$50,000 are subject to a competitive bidding or competitive quote process;
- Requiring construction-management trade contracts or subcontracts to be available to the public 20 days prior the date set for opening bids;
- Establishing that a public bid opening is not required for electronic bids if the awarding agency provides a live video feed of the bid opening on its website;
- Clarifying that no official or employee of an awarding agency can benefit from a contract;
- Requiring public agencies to purchase, lease-purchase, or lease all personal property with a cost of \$10,000 or more from the lowest vendor;
- Requiring contractors, vendors, subcontractors, and trade contractors to disclose the names of individuals with more than 10 percent ownership interest in the entity. Contractors and vendors must also disclose a list of all employees, subcontractors, and trade contractors. Failure to disclose the names of employees and certain ownership interests will result in a void contract;
- Removing the exemption for contracts of industrial and cultural trusts from the Competitive Bidding Act;
- Establishing a felony charge for any official or employee of an awarding agency convicted of disclosing bid terms or information in a bid notice before the date set for bid opening;
- Establishing a felony charge for any official or employee of an awarding agency convicted of withholding or impeding the distribution of information contained in a bid notice unless that information has been withdrawn or deleted; and
- Establishing that persons in violation of the Public Competitive Bidding Act are guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Fiscal Analysis

House Bill 3418 revises county purchasing statutes by adjusting certain dollar thresholds that determine when competitive bidding or solicitation of quotes are required, including thresholds tied to Title 61, § 140. Such threshold changes affect procurement procedures only, and apply solely to counties. 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.