DIGEST

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Montoucet HB No. 333

Abstract: Provides a preference for the procurement of extruded woven polypropylene products woven in La. over products woven outside of the U.S.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the purchase of material and supplies for public construction projects and for political subdivisions under the state Public Bid Law, unless the entities choose to follow the La. Procurement Code.

<u>Present law</u> further provides for procurement by executive branch agencies under the La. Procurement Code.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the person acting as a procurement officer, purchasing agent, or similar official for any using agency or public entity under the provisions of <u>present law</u> (Public Bid Law and La. Procurement Code) shall purchase extruded woven polypropylene products woven in this state which are equal in quality to extruded woven polypropylene products woven outside the United States, provided the cost of extruded woven polypropylene products woven in this state does not exceed by more than 10% the cost of extruded woven polypropylene products woven outside the United States.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that the La. vendor of extruded woven polypropylene products woven in La. shall not be required to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered by a vendor of extruded woven polypropelene products woven outside of the United States.

(Adds R.S. 38:2251.3 and R.S. 39:1595.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Appropriations</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Made preference apply to a preference over products woven outside of the United States instead of products woven out of state.