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Provides relative to procurement of information technology

Proposed law creates the *Invitation to negotiate* as a method of procurement and adds it to the list of source selections in law. Provides criteria under which an invitation to negotiate may be utilized for procurement. Expands the list of allowed procurement methods when entering into contracts for information technology (IT) systems or services to include IT-related professional services and consulting services contracts ("covered procurements"). Provides that a report of all multiyear contracts for the covered procurements shall be provided to the Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity (JLCTC) within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year. Requires JLCTC to review IT contracts entered into for a period of more than three years and with a cost of more than \$2 M. Proposed law provides that the JLCTC shall review all contracts for covered procurements which are obtained through an invitation to negotiate. Additionally provides that contracts for electronic benefits issuance system services may be entered into for periods of up to ten years consisting of any initial term of six years with the state having options for up to two, two-year extensions.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law allows the use of certain additional procurement methods currently listed in the procurement code (competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, reverse auction, and cooperative purchasing) as well as the newly created invitation to negotiate when entering into contracts for the covered procurements. The proposed law defines "invitation to negotiate" as a written or electronically posted solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or contractual services. This method can only be used once others have been determined to be impracticable.

In addition, the proposed law provides that no award of any contract for the covered procurements which is entered into for a period of more than three years and with a cost greater than \$2 M, or any extension thereof, shall be made until reviewed by the JLCTC and subsequently approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). Present law only requires JLCB approval of these contracts. The proposed law also provides that no award of any contract for the covered procurements which is entered into through an invitation to negotiate shall be made until reviewed by the JLCTC. To the extent that this new requirement increases the frequency with which the JLCTC meets, there will be increased costs for per diem and travel allowances for committee members. The Office of Technology Services reports that the requirement for the JLCTC to review and JLCB to approve any contract for the covered procurements before it can take effect could lead to delays in executing contracts for these state services depending on the meeting frequency of these two committees.

The Office of State Procurement is required to adopt and promulgate rules for the implementation of the proposed measure. This additional workload can be achieved within the agency's existing budget.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

