

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 692****2026 Regular Session****Broussard**

**PUBLIC CONTRACTS:** Provides relative to local government subdivisions entering into an agreement with group purchasing organizations

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds "services" to the categories of items a local governmental subdivision may procure through a qualified group purchasing organization.
2. Clarifies that local government subdivisions may "procure" certain categories of items versus "purchase" them.
3. Adds a provision that authorizes the chief procurement officer or his designee award a contract for a required supply, service, or major repair without competition when he determines that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or major repair item.
4. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law authorizes local governments to use group purchasing organizations (GPOs) for materials, equipment, supplies, services, or associated installations. Requires the GPO to submit a price list and maintain those prices for at least three months and for those prices to be deemed a valid and binding bid.

Proposed law prohibits the price lists from being considered public records, but provides that the portion of the price list incorporated into a contract becomes a public record upon bid opening or contract execution.

Proposed law defines "qualified group purchasing organization" as an organization of which two or more of the local governmental subdivisions are participating or voting members and which solicit proposals or bids from vendors of materials, equipment, supplies, or services of the type and nature as may be purchased by any such department, agency, or nonprofit corporation. Specifies that a qualified group purchasing organization includes an external procurement activity as defined in present law (R.S. 39:1556).

Proposed law authorizes local governments to purchase through a qualified GPO when the price is lower than state contract pricing or when the item is not available on the state bid list. Prohibits purchases through non-qualified entities without using other state procurement processes.

Proposed law authorizes the chief procurement officer or his designee above the level of procurement officer to award a contract for a required supply, service, or major repair without competition when he determines that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or major repair item.

(Adds R.S. 38:2212.1(Q) and (R))