

HB 376 -- COUNTY PURCHASES

SPONSOR: Hobbs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0.

Currently, counties are not required to obtain bids on any purchase of \$4,500 or less and notice must be posted for a proposed single feasible source purchase of \$3,000 or more. This bill increases both thresholds to \$6,000 and requires counties to advertise in a newspaper for a single feasible source purchase of \$6,000 or more.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will provide consistency among the various county purchasing statutes that previously raised the threshold amount above which bids must be let to \$6,000 and will make the bidding requirements consistent with the advertising requirements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hobbs; and Ken Pearson, Presiding Commissioner of Boone County.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.