

HB 2289 -- STATE PROCUREMENT

SPONSOR: Parkinson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 5 to 1.

This bill requires all state purchases in excess of \$10,000 to be based on competitive bids with specified exceptions. Currently, all state purchases in excess of \$3,000 must be based on competitive bids with specified exceptions.

The bill requires the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to advertise and solicit bids on any state purchase with an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 or more. Currently, the commissioner must advertise and solicit bids on any state purchase on any purchase with an estimated expenditure of \$25,000 or more.

The Commissioner is authorized to hold reverse auctions for the purchase of merchandise, supplies, raw materials, or finished goods if price is the primary factor evaluating bids.

This bill is similar to HB 205 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will lead to greater transparency and accessibility of information and allow the state greater flexibility in purchasing. The bill allows the state to participate in reverse auctions.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Parkinson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.