

HB 1621 Background/Overview

Concepts

Bid limit thresholds (existing language for cities)

- Increases the limit for contracts that require competitive bidding to \$150,000 if two or more trades are involved, or to \$75,500 if only one trade is involved

Prudent Utility Management (existing language for Public Utility Districts)

- Allows current employees to perform work under \$300,000 in value without a contract if doing so is accepted industry practice

Lowest Responsible Bidder (existing language for second-class cities)

- Allows for districts to accept second lower bidder if the lowest bidder has delivered a project to the district within the last three years which was late, over budget, or did not meet specifications

Impacts

Bid limit thresholds (existing language for cities)

- Standardizes bid limit thresholds for cities, PUDs, Sewer/Water Districts, and Fire Protection Districts

Prudent Utility Management (existing language for Public Utility Districts)

- Applies the ability to perform work under “prudent utility management” to cities, Sewer/Water Districts, and Fire Protection Districts

Lowest Responsible Bidder (existing language for second-class cities)

- Applies the ability to choose the second lowest bidder to cities, PUDs, Sewer/Water Districts, and Fire Protection Districts