

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-1737/5	Introduction Number AB-0553	Estimate Type Original
Description Limiting the use of the lowest responsible bidder process and requiring local units of government to use the qualification-based selection process for certain public works consulting contracts		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, the bill would require any political subdivision to enter into a contract for certain public works contracts based only on the consultant's qualifications. The local governmental unit would be required to create a procedure to solicit proposals but the proposals may not contain any information on proposed fees or costs. The proposals would then be ranked based on the consultants' qualifications. Once the best qualified bidder was determined, the local governmental unit would need to negotiate with the successful bidder the fees and other costs.

The costs of the bill are indeterminate as there is no way of identifying the number of projects that would be affected by the enactment of this bill. While it is likely that the costs may be higher, there is no data on which an estimate could be based and what the increased costs would be if the bidding process was changed from the lowest bidder.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.