
Local Government Committee

HB 2266

Brief Description: Addressing small public works projects for fire departments and regional fire authorities.

Sponsors: Representatives Takko and Kochmar.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a fire department or regional fire authority to use fire service personnel or volunteers to perform public works projects not exceeding \$20,000 without a competitive bid process.

Hearing Date: 1/22/14

Staff: Amanda Ondrick (786-7296).

Background:

Fire protection districts (districts) are municipal corporations authorized to provide fire prevention and suppression services, emergency medical response, and provide protection of life and property. Generally, when a district engages in purchases and public works, fire protection districts are required to use a formal sealed bid procedure.

Districts are exempt from the competitive bid process in four circumstances as listed below:

- The amount of the purchase is \$10,000 or less, or \$50,000 or less and the district uses a three-vendor procedure available to certain municipalities.
- The work is for construction or improvement of a fire station or other buildings where costs are \$20,000 or less, including all labor, materials, and equipment.
- The contract is eligible for the small works roster process available to all state agencies.
- There is an emergency, single source, or other special circumstance within the general exemption applicable to all public works.

Summary of Bill:

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For public works projects (projects) not exceeding \$20,000, a fire department or regional fire authority may use fire service personnel or volunteers without a competitive bid process. Projects must involve the construction or improvement of a fire station or other buildings.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.