

HB 3082 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Raises price from \$5,000 to \$10,000 at which public improvement contract solicitations are exempt from competitive bidding requirements. Authorizes Attorney General, Department of Administrative Services, and Department of Transportation to adopt rules. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

House vote: Ayes, 58; Nays, 1--Bonham; Excused, 1--Clem

No fiscal impact; no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of aligning competitive bid threshold for public improvement procurements with other public procurements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Public Contracting Code requires competitive bidding for all public improvement contracts and provides exceptions from this requirement. Examples of exceptions include a public improvement contract with a qualified nonprofit agency that provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities; a contract to repair, maintain, improve, or protect property for the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and a public improvement contract with a value of less than \$5,000.

House Bill 3082 raises the price at which public improvement contract solicitations are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements from \$5,000 to \$10,000 beginning January 1, 2022.